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USDA OK's $6.3M more for P-EBT

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» Thousands of children in schools and child care will benefit another round of P-EBT coupons tentatively scheduled for first issuance on Dec. 10, 2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has approved the CNMI's plan to operate another Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program, or P-EBT, estimated at $6.3 million for thousands of children in schools and child care in school year 2021-2022.

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Local stimulus cards expiring soon

The Division of Revenue & Taxation reminded the public yesterday that the Local Economic Impact Payment 2 stimulus cards issued to taxpayers based on the 2021 income tax return will expire on Dec. 31, 2022.

After that date, the stimulus cards will be deactivated and funds deposited into the local stimulus cards will no longer be available on Jan.

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS
Twenty-two Northern Marianas College students recently took part in a youth mental health first aid training sponsored by the Area Health Education Center, or AHEC. The Youth Mental Health First Aid training course is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course, which was taught by Associate Director of Hawaii-Pacific Basin AHEC Erica Davis, introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. NMC

IPI emergency motion wants stay in limited receivership

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In an attempt to, again, suspend the limited receivership on its casino, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has filed an emergency motion for a stay in the receivership pending an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for

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'Election count was a disaster'

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"Never in the history of CNMI elections has members of all three islands have to wait until 7am, 11am the next morning for results. It's unheard of," said gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios as he expressed his disappointment in this year's general election.

To put it mildly, Palacios said, this year's general

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$5K bail set for man accused of attempted rape

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The Superior Court has imposed a $5,000 cash bail on a man who is accused of attempted rape when he entered a residence in Chalan Kiya and pulled off a woman's blanket.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho imposed yesterday a $5,000 cash bail on Tyneth Santos Mariur, a man who allegedly entered a home in Chalan Kiya and pulled off a woman's blanket while she was asleep.

Mariur, 19, is also facing charges of burglary, disturbing the peace, and criminal trespass.

Following his hearing yesterday, Camacho remanded Mariur back to the Department of Corrections' custody and ordered him to return to court on Nov. 23, for his preliminary hearing. Mariur's arraignment is set for Nov. 28, at 9am before Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja.

According to court documents, Department of Public Safety officers responded last Saturday, Nov. 12, to a call about an attempted rape in a residence in Chalan Kiya at around 4:11am. At the scene, officers met with the victim who was in tears inside a car near the house.

She told police that she got home from work on Friday night at around 10pm and went to bed. However, she left her door unlocked in case her boyfriend arrives and sleeps over.

At around 3am, she was awakened by the feeling of someone pulling off her blanket. She said when she looked up, she saw Mariur standing next to her and holding her blanket. This prompted the victim to scream, get out of bed, and head to her car where she called her boyfriend and the police.

At the scene, police also interviewed Mariur who, police noted, smelled heavily of alcohol.

Mariur told police that he heard someone at the back of his house so he went over to the victim's residence to ask the woman's boyfriend, a cop, to help him look around for "stealers." However, when no one responded to his knocks, Mariur said he entered the home and called out to the cop from the living room.

He said while he was calling out for the cop, the woman woke up and asked him what he was doing in their house, to which he responded that he was looking for her boyfriend.

When the victim told Mariur that her boyfriend was outside their house, he went out in search for him and when he returned, the woman told him to go home.

Igitol explains error in results posted on the CEC website

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol has explained why the CEC website initially contained some incorrect numbers of the general election's then-unofficial tabulation results on Wednesday early morning.

Igitol

When asked by reporters about the error, Igitol said Friday that she sent their third-party webmaster their summary of tabulations results that she had read when she really should have sent the breakdown by precincts.

"We were trying to find out what was going on. So I asked him [webmaster] to take it down. We looked at the numbers and I gave him the breakdown from election day, early voting, and absentee by precincts and that's when we found the issue there. Everything's good now," she said.

CEC's website just removed the "incorrect numbers" without explaining what had transpired. As a result, some candidates and netizens noticed the error as some media entities relied on CEC's website posting. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Limited implementation of the final DACA rule starts at DHS

The Department of Homeland Security's final rule to preserve and fortify Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals went into effect last Oct. 31, 2022, which means that DACA is now based on a formal regulation, thereby preserving and fortifying the program while the program remains the subject of litigation in court.

Previously, DACA was based on a policy memorandum that then-DHS secretary Janet Napolitano issued on Aug. 15, 2012. Since its inception in 2012, DACA has allowed over 800,000 young people to remain with their families in the only country many of them have ever known and continue to contribute to their communities in the United States.

Under the final rule, USCIS will continue to accept and process applications for deferred action, work authorization, and advance parole for current DACA recipients. Due to ongoing litigation, USCIS will continue to accept but cannot process initial DACA requests.

"This final rule is our effort to preserve and fortify DACA to the fullest extent possible," said Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "Ultimately, we need Congress to urgently pass legislation that provides Dreamers with the permanent protection they need and deserve."

"Implementation of the DACA final rule illustrates USCIS' continued commitment to Dreamers," said USCIS director Ur M. Jaddou. "While court orders prevent us from adjudicating requests from initial applicants, we will continue to carry on the important work of renewing and continuing protections for current DACA recipients, as outlined in this final rule."

The final rule is a product of careful review that considered the more than 16,000 comments received during the public comment period. It codifies existing DACA policy, with limited changes, and replaces the guidance set forth in the 2012 Napolitano memorandum.

The final rule affirms that:

■ Current DACA recipients' deferred action, employment authorization, and

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Palacios: I'd rather be working than doing photo-ops

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In response to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' statement about Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios' being nowhere around at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Palacios said he was present but behind the scenes to ensure that policies and regulations are followed so the CNMI can be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

During a news briefing at the independent party's headquarters in Garapan, Palacios said he has always been present throughout every disaster the CNMI has faced in his tenure as lieutenant governor, including COVID-19. However, he says he has been working behind the scenes and doesn't need to prove he has been present through photo opportunities.

"Let me be frank. I've been very patient and very civil. To me, those statements are childish and just juvenile nonsense. In past disaster situations, I've been out there, just like he was. But I don't need to carry around a press group with me to take pictures of myself to say 'Hey, I'm out here. No. It's always been my personality to just get things done without a lot of fanfare," he said.

Palacios said he preferred to work behind the scenes as he knew he was of more help in ensuring federal rules and regulations were being followed so that the CNMI could get its reimbursements from FEMA for the money spent during each disaster, including COVID-19.

KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, left, and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, speak during a news briefing at the independent party's headquarters in Garapan last Thursday.

"Do I need to be down at the quarantine sites with him every day? No, I don't. I would rather be working, and I've been working hard, looking at policies and procedures that we need to follow with FEMA's disaster programs. Honestly, I don't think our governor knows how to handle policies and programs, or even FEMA procedures. I was on top of the COVID task force, the post-Yutu disaster team, making sure that we got our reimbursement from the federal government," Palacios said.

He also noted that, although there were no pictures taken of him during disasters, he was out in the community in shelters and helping in any way he could.

"Why go out there and ask somebody to take a picture of me carrying a piece of *tangan-tangan*, pretending to clear off roads? I don't do that. I go to the shelters, deliver bottled water, went to the water station down in Lower Base and helped employees and government workers get the water containers filled for people lined up for water," Palacios said.

He speculates that his opponent in the upcoming runoff needs some way to criticize him and this is the only way he could.

"At the end of the day, when we make an assessment or evaluation of the fiscal responsibilities of how we handle disasters and post-disasters and all the resources that were given to us by the federal government, I work hard to make sure that we follow the rules that we're supposed to. Now if he's going out there just for photo-ops, and saying that I'm not present because I'm hiding, I don't need to hide. Why would I do that? Obviously, he needs to come up with some criticism of me," he said.

Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, are set to face-off with Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), in the upcoming runoff election on Nov. 25.

Palacios and Apatang have since joined forces with gubernatorial candidate Rep. Tina Sablan (D-Saipan), and her running mate, Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan).

New law removes 10-day limit to submit marriage certificate

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has enacted a bill that removes the 10-day restriction to submit a marriage certificate by any religious and/or non-religious entity.

House Bill 22-113, SD1 is now Public Law 22-25. Rep. John Paul Sablan (Ind-Saipan) is the main author of the legislation.

The bill was passed without amendments by the House of Representatives on first and final reading last Aug. 29 and the Senate passed the bill with amendments on first and final reading last Sept. 23. The House accepted the Senate's amendments and passed the bill during its regular session last Oct. 18.

Sablan earlier stated that the legislation strikes out the 10-day deadline to submit a marriage certificate. Sablan disclosed that his office received calls from potential spouse beneficiaries as they were having trouble claiming beneficiaries because their marriage certificates were not submitted to the Superior Court's clerk of court.

Sablan reached out to the Settlement Fund and was able to confirm that there are indeed such claims that are still pending.

He said that, for some of these marriages, the certificates from churches were not submitted to the Superior Court's clerk of court. Because the provision of 10 days after the ceremony deadline to submit was exhausted, these potential beneficiaries couldn't claim their benefits.

Lawsuit vs Navy grows over fuel-tainted Hawaii water

HONOLULU (AP)—More than two dozen families have joined a lawsuit accusing the U.S. Navy of making them sick from jet fuel that leaked into the tap water in their Hawaii homes.

There are now more than 100 people in an amended lawsuit filed Thursday that also accuses the Navy of destroying more than 1,000 water samples collected from affected homes.

The families say in the lawsuit the samples could have revealed chemicals in the water.

Navy spokesperson Lt. Cmdr. James Adams said the Navy doesn't comment on current litigation.

A fuel storage facility in the hills above Pearl Harbor leaked petroleum into the Navy's tap water system last year and sickened nearly 6,000 people, mostly those living in military housing.

The lawsuit was initially filed in August with four families alleging the Navy hasn't fully disclosed the scope of the contamination and hasn't provided appropriate medical care to those who are sick.

The lawsuit said the Navy continues to claim families are not sick from the jet fuel exposure.

The Hawaii Department of Health ordered the Navy to shutter the facility after the spill.

The military recently said it finished draining three pipelines and expects to finish draining the tanks in 2024.

Water service interruption in portion of Kagman 3

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers on Niyorom Street in Kagman 3.

This will allow CUC water operators to repair an 8-inch mainline break located on Niyorom Street in Kagman 3. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For the safety of the men and women working at the repair site, motorists are advised to take alternative routes or proceed with caution as a portion of the road way will be closed for the duration of the waterline repair.

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US military officials, Palau reps end joint committee meeting

ASAN, Guam—Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson, the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command senior military official for the Republic of Palau, along with Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr.; chargé de affaires Jim Boughner of U.S. Embassy Koror, and senior leaders from Palau met Nov. 2-4 for the biannual bilateral Joint Committee Meeting in Palau.

The JCM is in accordance with the Compact of Free Association Title III: Security and Defense Relations, and enables ongoing dialogue between nations that prove to enhance security and defense responsibilities in the region.

"Our military's defense of Palau is something we take seriously," said Rear Adm. Nicholson during his opening remarks. "But it is not something that we can do alone, and it is only through our collaborative efforts here, that we can maintain the sovereignty, security, and free and open seas of this region," he said. "The pace of change globally, and more to the point, here in the Indo-Pacific is accelerating dramatically. We appreciate all of Palau's efforts to support the Department of Defense and we recognize this meaningful relationship to make complex expeditionary training possible that span the range of military operations."

U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY LT. CMDR. KATIE KOENIG

Senior military leaders from U.S. Indo-Pacific Command hosted a Joint Committee Meeting featuring the President of the Republic of Palau, U.S. military leadership, and federal agency representatives in Palau last Nov. 2-4.

The JCM agenda for this year were anchored in four lines of effort: defense responsibilities, law enforcement capacity building with a range of capable partners, securing maritime resources and sovereign borders, and preparing for and responding to hazards unique to Pacific island communities.

Following meetings, Nicholson met with local media to share his perspectives on defense matters and to answer questions. During his press availability, Nicholson reiterated his appreciation for the Palau delegation, the robust dialogue, and the broad technical expertise and leadership experience that was brought to the table.

"It was an honor to represent INDOPACOM during an excellent engagement with the leadership of Palau. A great partner of the United States, Palau is a beautiful island nation with wonderful people," Nicholson said. ***(PR)***

ELECTION

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election—specifically the tallying of votes—was a disaster. Vote counting in the CNMI usually lasts until the early morning hours of Nov. 9 and may sometimes be done by 7am, but this year's tallying lasted until around noon.

Speaking in a press conference last Thursday, Palacios said that not only was the delayed tallying an "unfortunate" event for the community, but it also raises concerns about the integrity of the election as a whole.

"It was a disaster, to put it mildly. I'm just being honest about it. We didn't raise hell about it, but we did raise concerns. I have never experienced anything like this and I don't think our community has in the past. I hope everybody on the Election Commission board knows that the people are concerned," he said.

Palacios noted the times when the CNMI had to manually count the ballots and even then, the commission didn't take that long to tally the votes.

"We sat there, everybody on the three islands sat there, waiting for results from 7pm to 11am the next day. That has never occurred [before]. I remember when we had to manually count ballots, by 2am, 3am, we knew who won and who lost," he said.

Palacios also noted the concerns raised about a locked ballot box that had to be cut open, stating that that it is unheard of.

"I watched that locked ballot box being cut. That too has never, in the history of elections, ever happened. The Democrats and even our team actually questioned them about that," Palacios stated.

With today's technologies, Palacios said this year's general election was an anomaly and hopes that the runoff will not turn out the same way. "This is unheard of with the technologies that we have today. It was a real anomaly. I hope the runoff isn't the same way," Palacios said.

The runoff election, set for Nov. 25, is expected to turn out differently as votes will be manually counted. Palacios said the only hope is that there is accountability for those counting these ballots.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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P-EBT is a federal program that provides food stamp benefits to school-aged children who lost access to school meals because their school was closed or operating with reduced in-person attendance due to COVID-19 in a school year.

USDA FNS administrator Cynthia Long notified FNS Western Regional Office regional administrator Jesus Mendoza Jr. last Nov. 3 of the approval of the CNMI's state plan.

Under the CNMI's plan, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the CNMI Public School System will issue P-EBT benefits through the CNMI's Nutrition Assistance Program's coupon system to households with eligible children.

Long said the CNMI's plan covers the months of August 2021 through May 2022.

Long said the first issuance is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 10, 2022, and the second issuance is tentatively set for March 11, 2023.

The CNMI estimates that it will issue $5.6 million worth of P-EBT to approximately 11,000 school children for school closures and reductions in attendance and hours from August 2021 through May 2022.

The CNMI estimates that it will issue $0.8 million to approximately 2,600 NAP-enrolled children in child care from August 2021 through May 2022.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said in his *e-kilili* newsletter over the weekend that more than 13,000 NMI children who lack regular access to meals at their schools or child care centers will continue to receive free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks under this new approval.

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1, 2023. Taxpayers are encouraged to spend the remaining funds within the allowable time frame.

DRT continues to process new card orders and card balance adjustments as 2021 tax returns are processed and cleared of errors.

To report a lost or stolen card, call the number listed on your card to suspend the account, or visit DRT-Taxpayer Assistance window for a replacement card. A valid photo I.D. and Social Security card is required for an instant card replacement.

Taxpayers who have yet to receive a stimulus card are encouraged to file a 2021 tax return or contact DRT to resolve outstanding issues.

For more information, call the DRT Call Center at 664-1040. ***(PR)***

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the Ninth Circuit.

Last Nov. 9, IPI, through attorney Samuel Salyer, filed a notice of emergency motion to stay under Circuit Rule 27-3. It states: "Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC, provides notice to all parties to this action that, on Nov. 9, 2022, in connection with case no. 22-16747 in the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit, Defendant-Appellant IPI filed an Emergency Motion to Stay Under Circuit Rule 27-3."

Prior to that, IPI filed an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to overturn the U.S. District Court for the NMI's decision to deny IPI's previous motion to stay the limited receivership.

Last October, District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied the stipulated request made by IPI and some of its creditors to stay the limited receivership again.

During the hearing, IPI's judgment creditors informed the court that they would soon be filing notices of satisfaction of judgments, proving that IPI has no outstanding judgments against them. However, the court still ruled against the motion to stay.

In her 16-page order, Manglona denied another stay on the receivership until such time that IPI can demonstrate that it has satisfied all pending judgments with her court.

"When IPI can demonstrate that it has satisfied the pending judgments in this court, the court may reconsider whether to reinstate the stay or even terminate the limited receivership. Once IPI can demonstrate that it has satisfied judgments for the current judgment creditors in this court, IPI may renew its motion to stay and retain its assets," she said.

Mangloña explained that one of the reasons for her denial is because of IPI's history of delayed payments or even non-payments.

"First, IPI has had an extensive history of delayed or non-payment to a multitude of creditors. This court has expended considerable resources and time giving IPI an opportunity to make amends with those creditors. Yet, despite numerous status conferences, orders to show cause, orders in aid of judgment—IPI's promises have often been empty or delayed," she said.

Another reason, the court noted, is because even though IPI can demonstrate that it has satisfied pending judgments of those who have assumed the receivership after U.S.A Fanter…there are still other creditors who have yet to be paid in and outside of the District Court.

Currently, court-appointed limited receiver, Clear Management, through lawyer Michael White, is awaiting the court's confirmation of the sales made following the closing of IPI's gaming equipment auction last Oct. 7. The sales totaled $410,000.

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advance parole will continue to be recognized as valid under the final rule.

■ DACA is not a form of lawful status but DACA recipients are considered "lawfully present" for certain purposes.

■ Non-citizens who meet eligibility criteria, clear all national security and public safety vetting, and are found to merit a favorable exercise of discretion may be granted deferred action and obtain renewable two-year work authorization. Given pending litigation, however, the Department is currently barred from granting deferred action to any new DACA recipients.

On Oct. 5, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed a July 2021 decision of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas declaring the 2012 DACA policy unlawful. The Fifth Circuit, however, preserved the partial stay issued by the district court in July 2021 and remanded the case back to the district court for further proceedings regarding the new DACA rule. On Oct. 14, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued an order extending its injunction and partial stay of the DACA final rule.

Current grants of DACA and related Employment Authorization Documents are valid, and USCIS will accept and process renewal DACA requests and accompanying requests for employment authorization under the final rule. ***(USCIS)***

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Saipan Mayor-elect RB Camacho eyes town hall meetings

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As he eases into his new role, Saipan Mayor-elect Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho plans to continue for now with all the operations currently set in place by the sitting mayor, David M. Apatang. Eventually, though, he plans to do a town hall meeting in every precinct on Saipan so he could listen to people directly and hear their concerns.

Speaking at his office at Marianas Printing along Beach Road where he is the company's president, Camacho said: "…I'm going to continue with the operation, you know, no interruption in the operation…and I'm going schedule myself to do a town hall meeting for every precinct on the island. I want to invite all the community in that particular precinct and I want to meet with them and listen to their issues, concerns, and problems. I want hear it directly from them."

Saipan Mayor-elect RB Camacho is interviewed at his office at Marianas Printing on Beach Road, where he is the company's president. CHRYSTAL MARINO

Among the things he wants to accomplish once he is sworn in as mayor is to endeavor to lower the crime rate through recreational programs. "My job now is to educate the community, how to do prevention instead of apprehension. We need to guide the young generation, to put them on the right path, and not to spend their time in jail. Let's find something on how to occupy their time."

Camacho would also like to see more education and advocacy in farming. "I'm a producer, I'm a farmer, and I love farming. Farming is not only what I know, farming is my passion and I grew up in that environment and I believe in farming."

He believes farming could be part of the tourist experience on Saipan "What we're thinking is tourism. That's one industry, but is it moving? It takes time. …Tourists want to see who we are and what we are. They mostly enjoy their vacation on the beaches, how about bringing them in and let's promote agricultural-tourism?"

This is Camacho's third run for mayor and he described this third campaign as a journey, and expressed his gratitude to his wife, family and supporters. "I want to make a difference and this is not just for me, but it's for the community…"

He hopes to show his supporters that he is consistent, which is why he maintained a consistent image and kept the themes and platforms for his campaigns throughout the years. "I'm not new to this program, and this is what I really want to expand upon. And that's the reason why I ran for mayor three times 'cause that is what I want to do. Now I can fulfill it. The people have spoken and I thank them so much for their confidence and support in me, giving me this chance." He said he looks forward to working closely with the community.

In this election, Camacho ran against Joseph Leepan Tenorio Guerrero of the Republican Party and Richard Tudela Lizama of the Democratic Party. Camacho garnered a total of 4,503 votes, Guerrero received 4,184 votes, and Lizama received a total of 3,152 votes.

When asked about getting Apatang's endorsement, Camacho said that Apatang attended one of his pocket meetings and endorsed him there. "So that's the beginning of that."

LEGACY FLAME TREES

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is assisted while planting a pair of flame trees at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery entrance in Marpi last Thursday, as a prelude to Friday's celebration of Veterans Day. Others in attendance included staff and rangers of the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs employees and executive director Marie Salas-Igitol, and veterans. CHRYSTAL MARINO

WestEd to operate an Equity Assistance Center in Western Region

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded WestEd and its partners, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning and Attendance Works, a $1,628,613 grant to manage the Equity Assistance Center in the Western region of the United States.

Together, the team will bring content expertise and deep knowledge of the region to manage the federal Western Educational Equity Assistance Center, which includes Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, the CNMI, Guam, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The Center is one of four EACs across the nation and U.S. territories that provides technical assistance and training—upon request from school districts, state education agencies, and others—to promote equity in student access to educational opportunities and resources.

"We're honored to have been selected to manage the Western Educational Equity Assistance Center," Niki Sandoval, senior strategic development manager at WestEd and Center director, said. "Bringing together our collective expertise, high-quality resources, and existing partnerships will advance equitable opportunities for students throughout the region."

WestEd has successfully led the Regional Educational Laboratory West since its inception in 1966 and has led Comprehensive Centers in the region for more than 17 years. Operating the WEEAC will continue WestEd's legacy of aligning the work of federally funded centers to deepen impact in the Western region.

The EACs were established as the federal Desegregation Assistance Centers under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The EAC program is one of the longest-standing technical assistance initiatives in the Department of Education and strives to ensure that all students have equitable access to learning opportunities, regardless of race, sex, national origin, or religion.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. via zoom. Please see the link below.

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. April 7, 2022 Regular Board meeting
   b. August 7, 2022 Special Board meeting
   c. September 26, 2022 Special Board meeting
   d. October 13, 2022 Special Board meeting

II. Public Comments[2]
III. Reports
1. Chair's Report
2. Committee Reports
   a. CIP
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. SICPP
   f. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program
   c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business
V. New Business
1. Retention Incentive – November 18, 2022
2. Education Day Centralized Celebration Cost Analysis
3. High-Quality Primary Instructional Materials (HQPM) for K-12, ELA, Science, Social Studies, and 6-12 Math, Social Studies Standards (Revised)
4. Vaping Inclusion to Smoking Policy
5. Proposed Amendments to Procurement Regulations
6. Certification & Licensure Matter
   a. CLO Report No. 2022-17-09

VI. Executive Session[3]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel
3. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting
VIII. Adjournment

[1] Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/96983964903?pwd=bnJVNjgwMzN3eVB6aTBhMBTb0R4UT09
Meeting ID: 969 8396 4903 | Passcode: 407286
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the MVA Conference Room.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
   d. Adoption of Minutes
      i. October 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
      ii. October 31, 2022 Special Board Meeting
2) **Public Comments**
3) **Committee Reports**
   a. Finance Committee
      i. Fund Status
      ii. Reprogramming of Funds
      iii. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021
      iv. Bank Signatories
4) **Old Business**
   a. Global Branding
   b. Destination Enhancement Update
      i. Bird Island Lookout
      ii. Christmas Illumination
      iii. Memorandum of Understanding – Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Department of Public Lands (DPL)
   c. TRIP Grant Program
   d. MVA Expenditure Authority
   e. RFP for Other Markets
5) **New Business**
   a. General Membership Meeting
      i. MVA Korea
      ii. MVA Japan
   b. MBC Golf
   c. Reggae Island Party
   d. MVA Year End Event
   e. Acting Managing Director
   f. 500 Sails Program
6) **Executive Session**
7) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
   a. Next Regular Board Meeting
   b. 2022 Citizen Centric Report
   c. MVA Building Concept/Design
   d. Correspondence
8) **Adjournment**

/s/Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Power service interruptions on Nov. 15, 17

There will be scheduled power service interruptions on Nov. 15 and 17, 2022, as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing system maintenance.

TUESDAY, NOVl 15

■ **Time:** 9am to 1pm

■ **Area(s) affected:** As Teo (Paluman Apo Loop, Paluman Apo Lane and Paluman Apo Place). See map.

■ **Purpose:** To replace two rotted wooden primary poles along Paluman Apo Loop in As Teo.

■ **Water well(s) affected:** None

■ **Wastewater facility affected:** None

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

■ **Time:** 9am to 1pm

■ **Area(s) affected:** Fina Sisu (Kamyo Drive, Gunot Way, Haigue Place, Ghoot Lane and portions of As Lito Drive).

■ **Purpose:** To replace a rotted wooden power pole along Kamyo Drive in Fina Sisu.

■ **Water well(s) affected:** None

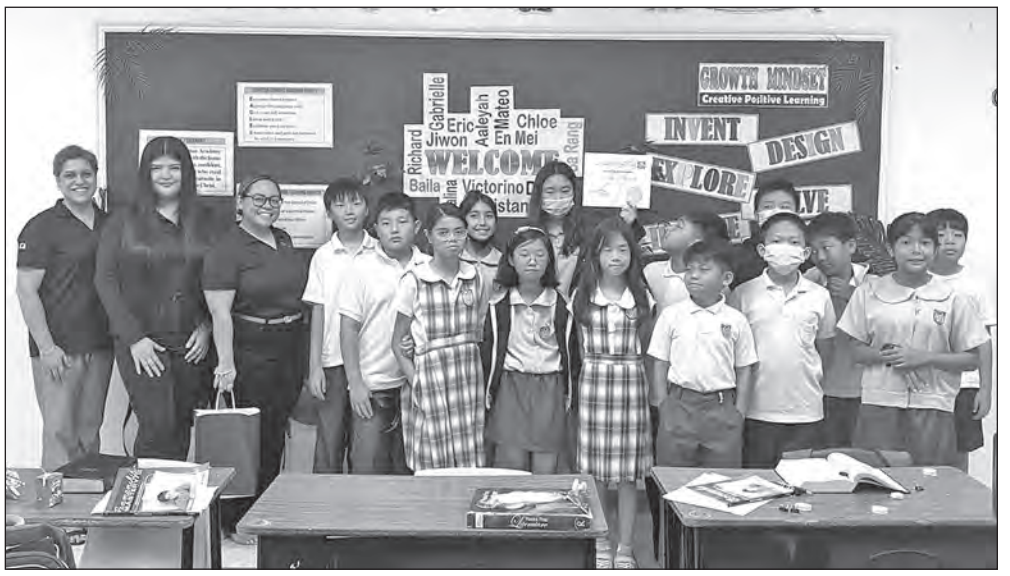
■ **Wastewater facility affected:** None

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

5.0-magnitude quake in Marinas region

At 8:28am on Nov. 14, 2022, a report of a 5.0-magnitude earthquake occurred at 21.491°N 143.121°E in the Marinas region. There are no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000. ***(PR)***

Huang, Kim, Palacios, Nae top Pacifica Art Contest



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Grace Christian Academy's Victoria En Mei Huang poses with her classmates after winning first place in the traditional category one of the 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest.

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. announced last week the four top winners of the 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest, with each of the winners topping their respective categories.

Grace Christian Academy's Victoria En Mei Huang won first place in the traditional category one, Marianas High School's Alyssa Kim won first place in traditional category two, Mount Carmel School's Tricia Palacios won first place in the digital category and Saipan Community School's Daniel Nae won first place in the three-dimensional category.

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. launched the art contest earlier this year with the theme "Living COVID-19 Safe," encouraging health and safety above all else. The contest gathered a total of 177 entries from artists residing on Saipan and Rota.

Participants of this year's contest were able to submit artwork for competitive entry in either the traditional, digital or three-dimensional categories. The digital and three-dimensional categories were added last year to allow flexibility for the creation of artwork through digital applications/software and those built in a three-dimensional format with the use of clay, wood, and related mediums. The goal of the contest with the added categories was to expand opportunities and to incentivize artists to think outside of the box and allow creative flexibility.

Contest judges included Mind2Muscle owner Cherese Palacios, Allstar/Boarderline manager Sidney Quan, and Turnkey Solutions managing partner Jerry Lin.

"As is the case each year, we are once again, blown away by the level of talent that continues to exceed expectations during this year's Pacifica Art Contest. We are extremely grateful for the overwhelming rate of participation by our talented local artists and for the continued support of teachers and school administrators throughout the CNMI who have been instrumental in the success of this art program since it was first established nine years ago," said company president and CEO Shirley Sablan. "Special thanks to Jerry Lin, Sidney Quan and Cherese Palacios for accepting to take on the most difficult task of judging and we could not be more pleased with the outcome."

Quan said it was an honor to judge the contest and a memorable experience to see how talented the future generation will be.

Palacios said that judging the contest was both "extremely difficult and emotional for me. Although I did not know the story behind each artwork, creativity is never a competition in my eyes- all these kids are true winners."

Lin said he was impressed by the imagination and creativity of the CNMI's youth. "All the pieces told a unique story and it was tough to pick the winners."

Other artists that made the Top 5 are as follows:

TRADITIONAL 1:

- Lydia Xian, 5th Grade, Mount Carmel School
- Siyan Lee, 5th grade, Saipan International School
- Fiona Yu, 3rd grade, Grace Christian Academy
- Chlorie Lee (Jee Hoo Lee), 4th grade, Saipan International School

TRADITIONAL 2

- Byul An, 8th grade, Saipan Community School
- Ayung Lee, 9th grade, Mount Carmel School
- Princess Divina, 10th grade, Marianas High School
- Nicky Simbulan, 7th grade, Hopwood Middle School

DIGITAL

- Mika Justine Camacho,
- Jeewoo Son
- Nhorleen Lilles
- Noriko Badiya

PHYSICAL 3D

- Xinyi Ni
- Gil Allen

Schools with participating artists include Mount Carmel School, Isla Montessori School, WSR Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, Seventh Day Adventist, Grace Christian Academy, San Vicente Elementary School, Sinapolo Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, Hopwood Middle School, Mariana High School, Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, and Kagman High School.

All entries were judged by creativity and originality, quality of artwork, clarity of theme, and overall presentation.

The traditional annual art exhibition of all art entries is now open to the public at the Pacifica Insurance office at the Joeten Center in Susupe. They will also be used on all holiday marketing materials to further promote winning artists.

Top placing art entries will also be made available online at www.pacificains.com/artcontest by December. You may also find them on Pacifica's Facebook and Instagram social media pages.

Pacifica Art Contest is a visual arts competition designed to nurture and support local talent and the arts. Over 2,000 artworks have been entered in this contest since 2014. ***(PR)***

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Marianas High School's Alyssa Kim is presented with her prize after winning first place in traditional category two of the 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest.

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Mount Carmel School student Tricia Palacios, center, is presented with her award for winning first place in the 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest. Others in the photo are, from left, MCS acting principal Filmah Buenaflor and Pacifica Insurance representative Dionne Camacho.

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Saipan Community School's Daniel Nae wins first place in the three-dimensional category of the 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest.

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Contest judges, from left, Allstar/Boarderline manager Sidney Quan, Mind2Muscle owner Cherese Palacios, and Turnkey Solutions managing partner Jerry Lin.

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Greener pastures north: Canada welcomes immigrants, to our economic detriment

Since the War of 1812 ended, we've had a friendly rivalry with our northern neighbors. We gave them McDonald's, Walmart, baseball, football and basketball; they gave us the Ryans (Gosling and Reynolds), Paw Patrol and ice hockey. All in good fun—yet sometimes our frozen friends really hit us where it hurts, and in the past few years that's meant attracting and absorbing loads of immigrant talent that couldn't find a place here.

Of course, we have no one to blame but ourselves, as decades of stalling and broken promises have kept the United States with a clunky, badly outdated, counterproductive and nigh-unnavigable legal immigration system.

Despite the repeated pleadings of everyone from national security wonks to big-business lobbies to chambers of commerce, simply trying to immigrate with a sponsored high-skill work visa is an expensive, unpredictable and drawn-out mess that can leave would-be newcomers waiting sometimes as much as decades for permanent residency despite having done everything exactly right, all the while at risk of deportation if anything goes wrong.

Our loss will continue to be Canada's gain, especially as Ottawa has now announced ambitious new targets to increase legal permanent immigration to about 500,000 by 2025; that's half of the United States' roughly 1 million new permanent residents per year, for a country with about a ninth of our population. Canadians understand two things that our leaders ignore or have forgotten: There is a massive labor need, and our population—which is struggling to pay out retirement and health care benefits to aging baby boomers—isn't getting any younger.

Put another way, the economy that has made the U.S. the world's wealthiest country exists, solely and exclusively, because of massive and relatively open immigration.

Those who complain bitterly about the supposed chaos of refugees and asylum-seekers also fail to understand that these groups can revitalize communities and that, if the perception of disorder is the problem, the solution is not to close off but have a much more accessible and orderly process to welcome new Americans.

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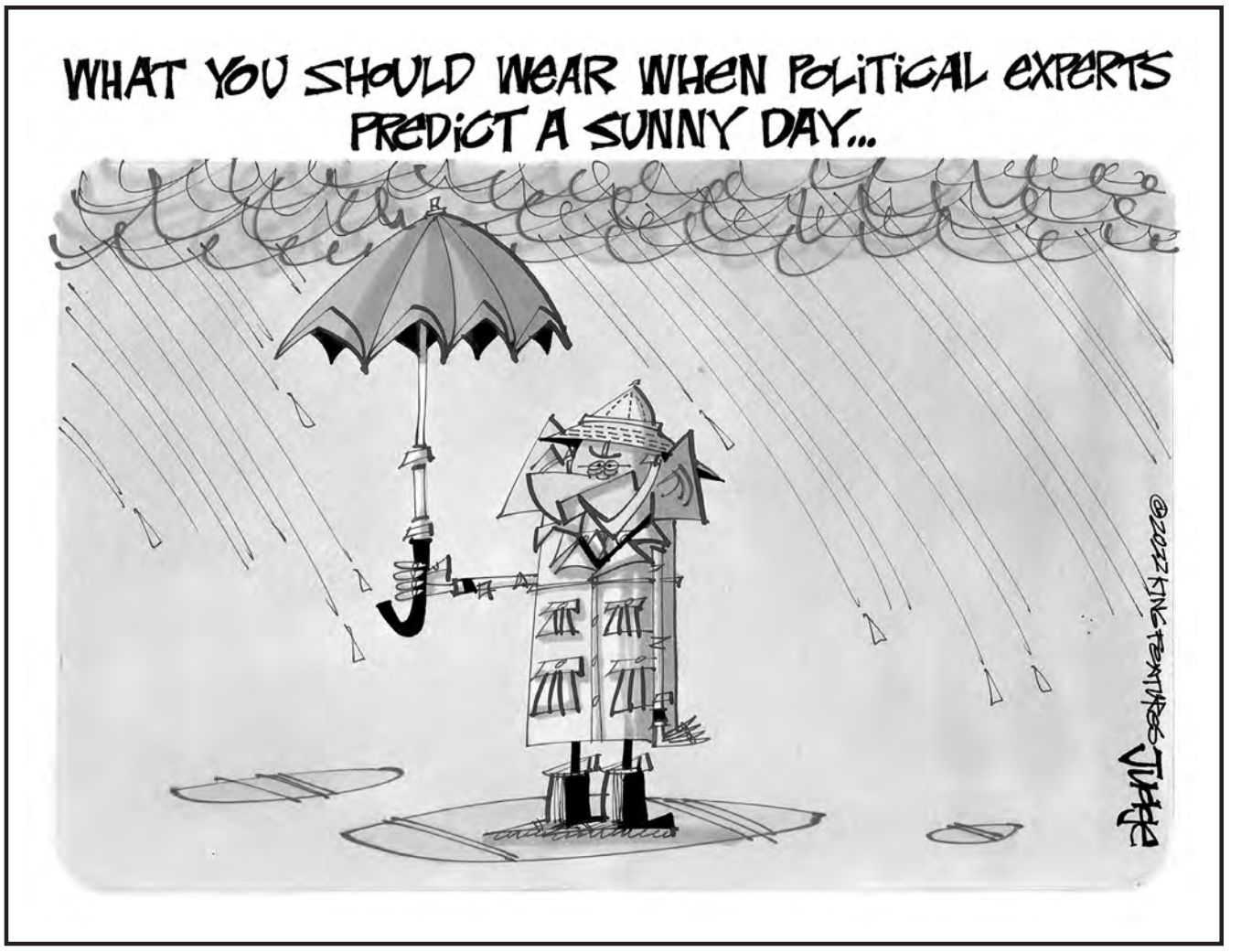

Buy that house. Your retired self will thank you

By ALEXIS LEONDIS
Bloomberg Opinion

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Traditional financial advice typically tells savers to put retirement first—even before homeownership. That's because over the long-term, the stock market tends to outpace real estate and there are tax advantages to putting money in a retirement account.

But retired homeowners are in a much better financial position than their peers who have rented. So it might make more sense to encourage younger savers to prioritize buying a home, despite the very real challenges of high home prices and interest rates.

Millennials have higher average 401(k) balances than Generation X did when they were the same age, but they're not any better off financially, says Craig Copeland, director of wealth benefits research at the Employee Benefit Research Institute. A lot of that has to do with being less likely to own a home. That doesn't bode well for later on.

"The benefits of homeownership can't be overstated in retirement," says Copeland.

For older homeowners and older renters with similar incomes, there's a significant gap in net wealth. A big portion of that is due to home equity, but homeowners also have more non-housing wealth, too. Homeowners age 65 and over in the highest income quartile had a net wealth of close to $1.3 million compared to $334,150 for renters, according to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies (and this was based on 2016 data, before the big run-up in home prices).

For the majority of Americans who haven't put enough money aside for retirement, a home has often been their saving grace. The elderly poverty rate is around 10%, but would be much higher without the robust rate of homeownership among older Americans, says Chris Mayer, a real estate professor at Columbia University's Business School. A home gives you a roof over your head, and you can always sell it if you really need cash.

Then there's the budgeting stress that can come with renting. Studies show that housing accounts for a much bigger chunk of total expenditures for older renters than for owners. This is even more apparent for low- and middle-income households. In turn, older renters tend to have more credit-card and health-care related debt, and less cash savings, than homeowners.

Plus, the unpredictability of rent increases can wreak havoc when retirees are on a fixed income. Sure, homeowners may have to deal with property taxes and maintenance, but those seem relatively minor considering the double-digit jump in rents during the past year. (Some cities, such as New York, offer rent stabilized apartments, but that isn't the norm in much of the country.)

Even before the pandemic, about 55% of rental households headed by someone age 65 and over were cost-burdened, meaning more than 30% of their income went to housing costs, data from Harvard's housing center shows.

No wonder retirees who rent report lower levels of retirement satisfaction.

Given the importance of homeownership to a secure retirement, it's especially worrisome that the homeownership rate among older people has been declining, and even more precipitously among people of color. In 2004, 81.7% of households headed by 50-64 year-olds in the US owned a home. That number was just 75% as of last year, setting this group up to enter retirement age with lower homeownership rates than those of the previous generation at the same age, according to Senate testimony by Harvard's Jennifer Molinsky.

Still, there are some caveats. You need to save at least some money for retirement even while you're prioritizing a down payment. If your employer offers a 401(k) match, make sure you contribute at least enough to take advantage of that free money.

It's also important to remember that the benefits of homeownership in retirement are greatest for those who have paid off their loans. Homeowners who enter retirement still paying off a mortgage—something more retirees are doing than in previous years—tend to spend more each month on housing costs than renters. (At least it's a fixed expense, provided it's a traditional mortgage.) So trying to pay off your mortgage before retiring should still be the goal.

But that's all the more reason to focus on saving that down payment. The typical age of a first-time homebuyer is now 36, the oldest on record, according to the National Association of Realtors. The older you are when you buy, the more years you're missing out on those home equity gains.

For many prospective buyers, rising mortgage rates and high home prices are delaying homeownership. Given how crucial a home can be to a secure retirement, let's hope today's sidelined buyers don't give up on it completely. Maybe that means buying a smaller home, or even borrowing from your 401(k)—but it'll be worth it.

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Patriotic heroes—born again

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The Year of America's Rebirth began late on election night 2022, when it became clear that the worst failed to happen.

Despite what the polls, the pols and the pundits had been telling us to expect: A red wave that would roll across our land and capture control of America democratically. Or destroy America's democracy in a wave of hate, anger and vengeance.

Neither happened. Because there were millions of real heroes—commonsense patriots who were Republicans and Republican-leaning independents—who'd had enough of Donald Trump's Big Lie madness. Finally, on this election night (perhaps after taking a hard look at the face in the bathroom mirror), they did what they knew all along they needed to do to really make America great again. They just said "No! No More!" No more of the election denial nincompoopery, in which smart people who of course knew better kept confusing loyalty to Republicanism with pretending to deny the legality and reality of the 2020 election results.

That decision to say "No More!," made by voters in the name of what they once knew as their Grand Old Party, was what a Democrat was really talking about on election night, in his acceptance speech after his landslide victory as Maryland's next governor.

"True patriotism is alive and well—in Maryland … and in the United States of America," said Wes Moore, an Army veteran and reservist, who was also a Rhodes scholar and investment banker. " … Patriotism means knowing that this country is great. But if we work together we're going to make it even greater, because more people will benefit from that."

And so, the morning after, Maryland's Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, who was term-limited after serving eight years, met with the Democrat who will be his successor. They thought they should meet right away—just to remind Marylanders of the way things used to be.

They are men of decidedly different political persuasions. Hogan, the son of a famous Republican congressman who served on the House committee that voted to impeach Richard Nixon, had refused to support his party's gubernatorial candidate, Republican Dan Cox, who was a vehement Donald Trump backer and a vociferous 2020 election denier. Hogan and Moore are both bald; but you are not likely to mistake one for the other. Moore will be Maryland's first Black governor. And that's a point Moore touched on, rather poignantly, during his acceptance speech the night before.

"I first felt handcuffs on my wrists when I was 11 years old," said Moore. "And if someone would have told me when I was 11, with handcuffs on my wrists, that 'One day you're going to be the governor of Maryland,' I wouldn't have believed it. But I also know no one ever told me that. We've got to change the dynamic we have with our young people. We've got to change the dynamic we have in our communities. … We have got to deal with the immediate challenges of public safety, but also deal with the root causes of crime."

As Moore talked about his life and his vision, it became clear that this is just the sort of newcomer that Joe Biden's Democratic Party will eventually understand they need to showcase. Biden's national Democrats are a team that seems to have a short bench of prospective leaders who may someday be on someone's list of presidential prospects. Almost everywhere you looked in this campaign, Democrats found themselves being attacked for not talking about crime—and how to make us safer.

Moore says public safety isn't a political thing for him—"this is personal." And as Maryland's governor-elect, he talked about the urgency of "fixing a broken parole and probation system in which a third of all violent offenders continue to get back on the streets." Also: "We have to get these illegal guns out of our neighborhoods. But it also means we cannot arrest or militarize our way out of it."

One thing Joe Biden's shopworn party needs is a future leader who has, at least, a clue about how to make the Democrats America's law-and-order party. Or even just how to talk about it. Hmmm, the last time may have been back when cop cars had running boards and cops stood on them as they raced through the streets, chasing bad guys across our movie screens, in black-and-white.

Welcome to the Rebirth of a Notion. We're on the case.

Chungé* Sonnet

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"Then all the nations of birds lifted together the huge net of the shadows of this earth in multitudinous dialects, twittering tongues…"

—Derek Walcott, (b.1930 - d.2017) born and died on the island of Saint Lucia in the Caribbean sea. He won the1992 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Chungé's Continuous Celestial Circus

As they turn and tumble in a bright blue sky
oblivious to people and predators below
flying in tandem above aloof apart from gravity
with minimal effect on their acrobatic flow
in and out of sight swooping sideways and soaring
rocking and reeling with and against the wind
their gentle gymnastic gyrations never boring
like paper kites their wings don't seem to bend
aerial jigs and reels from these pure white birds
as twilight beckons them all back to their nest
their silent graceful flight needs elegant words
up there in celestial comfort parading their best
in the jungle below hiding in a wild papaya patch
feral cats wait for the chungé bird's eggs to hatch.

A Reef Remembers and Retains

The reef remembers almost everything
and some time for many years it retains
plastic, trash, shells where barnacles cling
muddy discharge for days after heavy rains
chungé birds fly in pair formation offshore
wheeling in tandem on invisible trapeze
these graceful acrobats know what air is for
they cavort and catapult capriciously with ease
the heavy thud of waves outside on the reef
are reminders of the typhoon that just passed
for many days moving acting the sand thief
no one knows how long rough waves will last
clean beaches inside the reef took a beating
long-time remembrances are now seeding.

**Chungé are a common white tern in the CNMI.*

Slaying the inflation dragon

By E.J. ANTONI
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Elections are rarely about only one issue, but there's no question that economic worries motivated voters this year. Polls, both before the election and exit polling, showed that inflation was their No. 1 concern.

That's not surprising. All around the country we see the detritus of inflation's destruction. The average family feels $7,400 poorer today than when Biden took office, largely because prices have jumped almost 14 percent.

The next Congress needs to slay the beast of inflation. While that is a simple, straightforward task, it is not for the weak-willed. Once let out of Pandora's box, inflation does not go quietly.

The winning formula has three parts: Spend less, drill more and liberate capital. These are the sword, shield and steed Congress must take into battle.

The primary weapon of the next Congress is their power of the purse. Today's inflation is ultimately driven by excessive government spending. Cutting that spending will reduce inflation.

When lawmakers are spending into oblivion, interest rates on government debt would normally become prohibitively expensive, but the Federal Reserve has a political incentive to provide Congress with money created out of nothing. That provides a spendthrift Congress with its needed revenue through the hidden tax of inflation but debauches the currency. However, if Congress is not running massive deficits, this inflationary incentive at the Fed goes away. They must take their sword to the budget and enact the painful but necessary cuts that will cut off the beast of inflation from its lifeblood.

Next, the new Congress must do everything in its power to end the war on reliable American energy and protect our domestic producers of coal, oil and natural gas. The attacks from the Biden administration and the outgoing Congress have reduced output from our domestic producers and driven up prices. Congress must remove onerous taxes, like the ones imposed in the Inflation Reduction Act, while also removing subsidies for unreliable and expensive "green" energy.

The next Congress should use its shield to protect these American energy sources, not out of favoritism, but because doing so will bring down costs for Americans. Coal, oil and natural gas are reliable and inexpensive energy sources and are far cleaner than in years past. Because energy affects everything we do and everything we buy, reducing energy prices reduces prices throughout the economy.

Being not just energy independent but energy dominant is also a security issue, something of which the world has been painfully reminded since the war in Eastern Europe. Americans should not be in hock to Saudi Arabia for stability in either energy prices or geopolitics.

Lastly, the incoming Congress must remove those artificial disincentives that are holding back capital investment. More investment means more economic growth, and a larger economy relative to the same amount of money means lower prices.

The steed to ride into battle is one of deregulating, lowering taxes and counter-thrusting the Biden administration's executive regulatory overreach. The executive branch has repeatedly spent money that Congress did not authorize, such as the student loan handout, or taken full advantage of whenever Congress has abdicated its duties. It is time Congress reassumed those responsibilities.

In many instances, the Biden administration has used its overreach to disincentivize capital investment. The new Congress needs to oppose financial regulations that are imposed based on ideology instead of sound banking and investing. This would include measures like penalizing commercial and investment banks for having accounts for or investing in fossil fuels. Congress should also repeal the misguided tax on corporate book income in the IRA.

Conservatives must govern on offense if they are to maintain the trust of those who sent them to Washington. This means taking a strong, uncompromising stance on key issues like inflation. There is no ground to concede here—either we're a nation of sound money, or we aren't. We either have strong banking and energy sectors, or we don't.

The Biden's administration's misguided policies in these areas have been destroying people's lives and livelihoods. Conservatives in Congress must hold the line on these issues, both for their own sakes come reelection, but more importantly for the sake of their electorates and the fate of America.

We can't just keep spending our way to the poorhouse. The inflation dragon can't be tamed. It has to be killed. Let's hope Congress is willing to do what it takes.

PLEASE VOTE #2

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The Torres-Sablan Administration will continue to build upon the accomplishments Republican Leadership has brought to the CNMI.

We humbly ask for your vote in the 2022 Run Off Election and thank you for the opportunity to do even more for you! Our community can see the progress we have made. Here is a sample of the many things we have done together.

Let's be proud of our achievements and vote for more!

100+ REASONS TO VOTE TORRES-SABLAN

RUNOFF ELECTION 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Modernized Public Safety Resources
- New Personal Protective Equipment for the Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services
- Crime rate dropping by 65.3%
- $507K in community oriented policing programs
- $144K for Emergency Responder Radio Repeater System
- $116K for SCBA Compressor & Filling Station
- Intercepted millions of dollars of street value of crystal methamphetamine, ecstasy, hallucinogens, and other drugs on our borders
- Border confiscation of 3.8K in counterfeit & pirated products, protecting consumers
- Strengthened law enforcement for offenders who commit violent crimes
- Installed more street lights & maintenance along bike paths, cross-walks & pedestrian crossings
- Improved emergency response through CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management programs & workshops such as Tsunami Drills, CNMI EOC security upgrades, Tinian Communications Upgrades

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Launched CNMI's first state-of the-art public transit system
- COTA provided transportation assistance in COVID-19 response
- $9.4M in expansion and improvements to CNMI mass transit serving nearly 20,000 residents

DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY

- Governor's COVID-19 Task force. protocols guidelines safeguarded the community
- Creation of the COVID-19 Care Force
- Protected the public reducing total COVID-19 infection through proactive policies and active mitigation measures
- Made CNMI the safest place in the United States from COVID-19 through proactive planning & collaboration with healthcare professionals & first responders.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Secured $25M for community access to broadband for Saipan. Tinian, & Rota
- Creation of Energy Task Force for implementation of alternative energy initiatives
- Secured 31M in federal resources for water infrastructure projects
- Secured $56.6M in Solid Waste Management funding to improve landfill capacity

RETIREES

- Continued the commitment to ensure our Retirees received 100% of their pensions
- Issued Bolts Payments to Retirees
- In the worst crisis in generations, protected retiree pensions at 100%

ROAD SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

- Improved & enhanced roadside projects for Routh 36 I Isa Dr. Airport Rd. I Quartermaster Rd.I Routh 323 I Industrial Drive I Route 31
- Created & funded the Garapan Revitalization Project
- Infused over $6M for Marpo Heights Improvement Project
- Funded $25.5M to ongoing road improvement projects
- $17M more for new projects
- Paved & finished the most roads in CNMI history

SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Operated & implemented the State Small Business Credit Initiative, Micro Loan, & STEP programs to assist lenders and borrowers with their small business startup and growth
- Promoted the CNMI Business Development Center to provide local entrepreneurs and business owners technical assistance, training & support
- Developed and launched the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to promote growth & diversification of the CNMI economy
- Provided training for entrepreneurs and small businesses to gain access to federal government market
- Targeted $10M in small business grant funds through the CNMI BOOST Program

TOURISM

- Bringing back the Japanese market through introduction of direct flights from Narita to Saipan with United Airlines
- CNMI Tourism Resumption Investment Plan established region's first successful travel bubble with South Korea
- Brought in new airlines to serve inter-island transportation
- Created & increased job opportunities for local people in the tourism industry
- Successfully negotiated Hyatt lease extension and introduced Crowne Plaza Saipan

COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

- Micro Grant program to assist ranchers & farmers of up to $5000 in technical assistance and Food Security Program
- Provided resources to the Garapan Public Farmers Market
- Completion of the Rota West Harbor Rehabilitation project
- Grew local agriculture sales to $1.6 million in commercial sales putting money in the hands of farmers and our local agriculture industry
- Allocated $341K for development of locally sourced livestock through the Tinian slaughterhouse

CULTURE

- Nurturing Indigenous culture through Project Liffang & Hafa Adai Tirow Tuesday & Thursdays & Fiesta Friday Initiatives
- Continued advocacy for the preservation of traditional skills of open-ocean seafaring, canoe building and celestial navigation
- Support for the House of Chamorros

ECONOMY

- Implementation of Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018
- Mobilized more than $ 120 million in direct payments to CNMI residents to support economic activity
- Creation of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers to develop initiatives for economic growth & beautification projects
- Accomplished consistent economic development for 3 whole years in US soil
- (2) Economic Impact Payments; stimulus distributed
- Utility vouchers issued to assist residents due to increased power costs
- Assisting the community & local non-profit organizations with business expansion & diversifying our local economy
- Support for local government operations

VETERANS

- Hosted Veterans Town Halls throughout the CNMI
- Groundbreaking of Rota Veterans Cemetery
- Completion of the CNMI Veterans Cemetery Expansion Project worth $3.2M

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- Youth Takeover Day developed young leaders led by the Office of Youth Affairs
- Increase Nutritional Assistance Benefits and established job training programs for social services

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC LANDS

- Creation of the Governor's Environmental Council to formulate policy initiatives or community activities to encourage environmental protection, conservation, and sustainable development
- Creation of the Universal Garbage Collection Task Force system to efficiently dispose waste and avoid illegal dumping in the CNMI
- Launched the Marianas Village Pride Campaign to implement village sanitation and beautification projects
- Secured funding to complete the Kagman Watershed Project
- Implementation of Garapan and Laolao Watershed Projects and other related watershed projects on Tinian and Rota
- Adoption of Green Infrastructure Planning Initiatives
- Integration of renewable energy at community pavilions around the islands
- Solar powered energy at Marianas High School, Oleai Elementary School, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Garapan Public Market, & Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs Office
- Issued the first 350 homestead lots in 15 years

Thank you for your support

EDUCATION

- Established the Marianas School Pride Campaign through the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers
- Ensured our students and educators have access to top tier educational resources and election means in order to succeed in life
- $30M to NMC & PSS to stabilize our education system, ensure continuity of programs and services & expand online capacity
- $69.8M investment into the public school system
- Ensuring progression of higher education with $10.7M support to Northern Marianas College
- $4.9M in scholarships to support our college students

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Continued advocacy for the CNMI workforce to ensure businesses prioritize US workers
- Welcomed & supported new vocational training institutions
- Increased percentage of US workers to 59%- highest ever
- Increased average hourly wages by 65% since 2014
- Implemented WIOA programs to serve individuals with training & job placement
- Issued over $287M in pandemic unemployment assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- Strengthened partnership with Department of Interior, DoD, DOT, VA, White House and many other federal agencies
- Two successful 902 negotiations
- Increased federal funding for infrastructure improvement projects
- No bombing of Pagan and Tinian
- $161.8M initial construction phases of the Tinian Divert Airfield
- Successful navigation of federal action on CNMI Visa Waiver, Immigration, Military Buildup & Labor

GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION

- Implementation of new financial management system creating transparency & online access by vendors and government offices
- Secured funding for ferry feasibility study and transportation master plan
- Awarded funding for implementation of Electric Vehicle charging stations
- Awarded $1.9M for recreational outdoor facilities
- Created the Office of Information Technology
- Implementing online e-government platform for government permitting and licensure

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Implemented the Fit to Lead initiative
- Authorized two hours of administrative leave per week for employees' physical and mental health
- Established the HOPE recovery center to treat instances of substance abuse and addiction
- Hosted the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games
- Made historic investments into the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
- Established the first oncology center in the CNMI

WATER & WASTEMANAGEMENT

- $4.2M for water infrastructure projects throughout CNMI
- $47.8M for water treatment, improved distribution systems, wastewater upgrades, rehabilitation of water supply lines, and gains toward 24-hour drinking water on Saipan

POWER

- First generator in the Saipan Power Plant since 1991
- Largest amount ever of solar power for schools, homes, businesses, and government facilities
- First administration to achieve CNMI renewable portfolio standard of 20%

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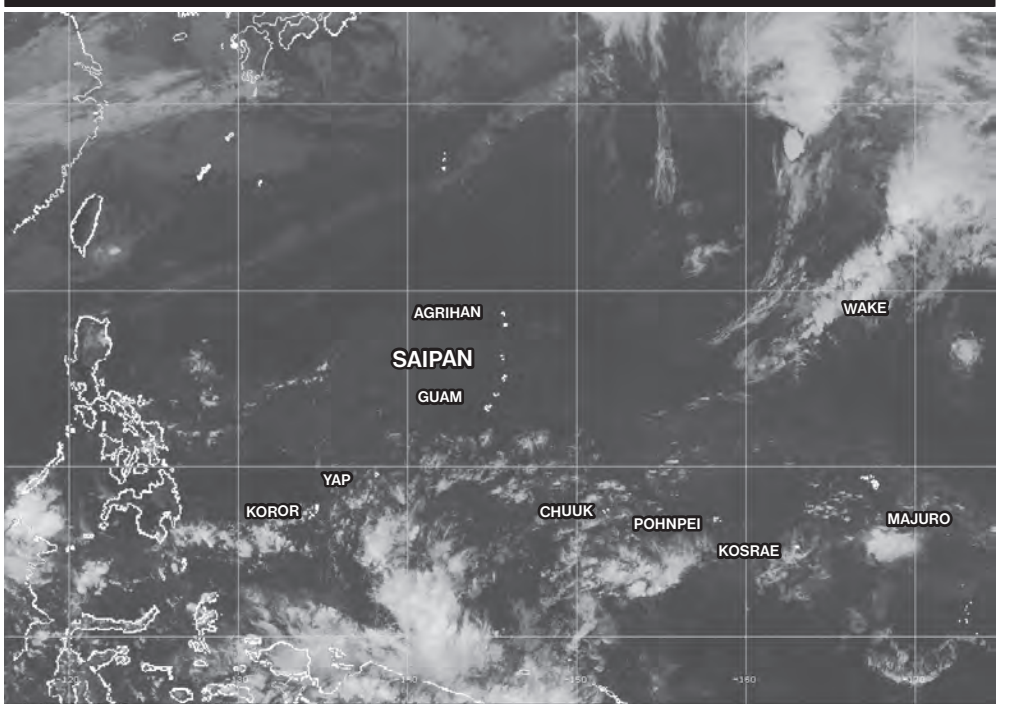
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
88° 77°	88° 77°	88° 77°	88° 77°	89° 77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows only a few showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 5 feet, composed mainly of an east-northeast swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	81° / 75°
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	72° / 60°
Beijing	Sunny	59° / 29°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	77° / 72°
Honolulu	Sunny	83° / 71°
London	Rain	54° / 46°
Los Angeles	Sunny	70° / 47°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 44°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	82° / 75°
New York	Sunny	48° / 33°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	64° / 50°
Paris	Light Rain	56° / 49°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	63° / 45°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	66° / 58°
Salem	Sunny	59° / 46°
San Francisco	Sunny	61° / 44°
Seoul	Showers	57° / 37°
Tokyo	Light Rain	56° / 48°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	49° / 32°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:48 AM	11:18 PM
Wednesday	-	12:30 PM	-
Thursday	12:08 AM	1:09 PM	-
Friday	12:58 AM	1:46 PM	-
Saturday	1:47 AM	2:22 PM	-

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:50 AM	Low Tide	-0.09
2:04 PM	High Tide	1.56
7:47 PM	Low Tide	1.19
10:41 PM	High Tide	1.27

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

A whole new way to order with The Subway Series

BARRIGADA HEIGHTS, Guam—Subway introduced yesterday The Subway Series, a completely new menu of 12 delicious sandwiches. The new sandwiches are carefully crafted to deliver maximum crave factor with a perfect combination of choice meats, cheeses, fresh, hand-sliced vegetables, freshly baked breads, and flavorful sauces.

» **Rolls out an all-new menu of the 12 Best Sandwiches in Subway history and the ease of ordering by name or number**

The Subway Series launched nationally over the summer and is now available in Guam and on Saipan.

A celebration of Subway's nearly 60 years of expertise in sandwich-making, The Subway Series comprises 12 sandwiches hand-picked from hundreds of chef-inspired sandwich recipes that took a year of testing and perfecting to earn a coveted spot on The Subway Series menu.

The Subway Series is the continuation of the multi-year plan to build a better Subway to evolve the entire guest experience with a fresh-forward ethos at the biggest restaurant chain in the world. And the journey of transformation started with craveable menu innovations.

In 2021, using the platform "Eat Fresh Refresh," Subway introduced 20 significant menu updates including 11 new and improved ingredients, six all-new or classic sandwiches and two new kinds of bread, Artisan Italian and Multigrain Bread. Guests enjoyed—and craved—such upgraded proteins as hickory-smoked bacon, smashed avocado, delithin sliced ham and turkey, BelGioioso Fresh Mozzarella, to name a few.

This year, Subway rolls out The Subway Series of 12 new sandwiches grouped into four categories—Cheesesteak, Italiano, Chicken, and Club—with three sandwiches each. The sandwiches are filled with premium ingredients, among them Capicola, a popular type of salami or cold cut, and Garlic Aioli.

Considered as the most ambitious initiative in the company's history, The Subway Series changes Subway's blueprint that made it a global phenomenon in the quick service restaurant industry.

With The Subway Series comes a new ordering system to streamline the process for guests. At the customer's choice, instead of walking the line to pick ingredients, toppings and condiments, they can simply order by saying the sandwich name or number and specify whether they want a Footlong or a six-inch sandwich of The Subway Series menu:

CHEESESTEAKS:
No. 1 The Philly
No. 2 The Outlaw
No. 3 The Monster

ITALIANOS:
No. 4 Supreme Meats
No. 5 Bella Mozza
No. 6 The Boss

CHICKEN:
No. 7 The MexiCali
No. 8 The Great Garlic
No. 9 The Champ

CLUBS:
No. 10 The All-American Club
No. 11 Subway Club
No. 12 Turkey Cali Club

Ordering by name or number will not replace the Subway blueprint of customer customization but rather provide another option to order. Guests can still customize and make substitutions to the classic menu and to the curated sandwiches of The Subway Series.

"Every innovation that Subway undertakes aims to elevate the total guest experience at its core. Whether our guests choose to leave the sandwich-making to us or whether they opt to create the sandwich the way they want, we want our guests to create an outstanding experience each and every time," said Marcos W. Fong, managing director, Subway Restaurants of Guam and Saipan. ***(Subway)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Subway Series is a completely new menu of 12 delicious sandwiches.

Torres and OPD break grounds on the Garapan Revitalization Project

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was joined last Thursday by CNMI Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chair Christopher A. Concepcion, U.S. Economic Development Administration representative Joaquin S. Quenga, CNMI dignitaries, staff of OPD, local business partners, representatives from various CNMI government departments and agencies, and members of the community to break ground on the Garapan Revitalization Project.

The project aims to help revive the tourism industry and expand the CNMI economy by revamping the areas of Garapan that need improvement. This project entails tasks such as paving the streets, construction of sidewalks and curbs, landscaping, installation of new street lights, trees, and 350 parking stalls, beautification, and more.

Garapan is a main district for our tourists and local residents, making this project crucial in regards to the shared goal of economic growth. These renovations ensure long-lasting, positive impacts on businesses within the area, new opportunities for work, the ability for safe and accessible traverse, along with numerous other benefits.

"We will transform the Garapan core area into a premier, family-friendly destination featuring a wide range of shopping, dining, entertainment, civic, and commercial uses in a world-class beach resort setting that is attractive for visitors, residents, and investors. The long-term goal is to attract more businesses to this area, allow them to generate more profit and tax revenue, and have that cycle back out to the rest of the community. The money generated in Garapan ultimately benefits everyone in the CNMI. Garapan will once again reaffirm its claim as the center of economic activity and the heart of the tourism industry in the Commonwealth," said Concepcion.

Quenga applauded the hard work and professionalism of CNMI government agencies, as he discussed how the EDA has awarded the CNMI with 10 grants totaling over $100 million toward CNMI projects and improvements.

"It's an honor to see this project come to fruition. The Garapan Revitalization Project is something that has been a long time in the making, and we'll finally get to see our efforts pay off. This is the start of new, countless opportunities for the Marianas. I commend everyone who is part of making this project a reality, and I look forward to witnessing the progress of our main tourist district as we make progress toward our goal of being a world-class destination," said Torres. ***(PR)***

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†FRANCISCO BENAVENTE MANIBUSAN

Lovingly Known as "Ankie"

Son of †Jose Cabrera Manibusan
and †Ana Villagomez Benavente.
Born on October 08, 1948 was called to his eternal rest on November 07, 2022 at the age of 74.

His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Nelda M. Manibusan

Children and Grandchildren:
Aristona Ann M./Roman Tudela Jr. (Donovan Jake, Roman Franklin, Ro'anna, Rhe'ann)
Mary Michelle M./Nick Reyes (Frannie Lee-Jade/Ricardo, Amber/Colby, Chelsey, Niko Kane, Napu Uniku)
Amelia Lyn M./Ralston Ogo (Christie Jesse Mae)
Jocelyn Frances M./Jesse M. Tudela (Annabella Jelyn)
Ding M./Jason Abe (Kylie-Rae, Taylre, Naiya Jae, Jase)
Laureen Naomi M./Vincent Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ankie Joe, Vincent Joseph Jr., Arilynn Joreen)
Francisco Jr. M./Tearsha Wallace Manibusan (Damian Francisco, Trayce Alexzander)

He will be greatly missed by numerous Families and Friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at Santa Soledad Parish at 6:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and at San Vicente Parish on Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on **Saturday, November 19, 2022**. Our Beloved will be escorted from **Borja Funeral Home to Santa Soledad Parish at 7:30 a.m.** followed by Responso service, viewing, and last respects. **Mass of Christian Burial** will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** followed by interment services at the **Sanctuario Pax Memorial Garden in Kagman** where our Beloved †Francisco will be laid to rest.

Your thoughts & prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow,
yan Maraming Salamat po,
Nelda M. Manibusan, Children, and Family

HONDA/TNS
The 2023 Honda Accord.

Overdrive

All-new, 2023 Honda Accord goes big on room, tech, hybrid power

By HENRY PAYNE
THE DETROIT NEWS

One of America's best-selling sedans for the past four decades, the Honda Accord is getting a major makeover for its 11th generation model.

Following the example of Honda's best-selling CR-V SUV now on sale, the 2023 Accord gets roomier, techier and offers two powertrains: a turbocharged 4-cylinder and a hybrid with a goal of 50% hybrid sales. While the 10th generation Accord knocked our eyes out with its graceful styling and interior that evoked luxury cars costing 50% more, the 2023 model conforms to Honda's current, conservative exterior design theme as seen on the CR-V and Honda Civic.

Inside, the Ohio-built Accord adopts its siblings' upscale, high-tech displays and signature Honda honeycomb dash. The Accord will be the first in family to debut Google built-in (though only in the top-trim Touring model). Following GM which is also bringing Google's operating system to its lineup, Google built-in allows customers to operate the infotainment system like their smartphone with familiar Google Maps navigation and Google Play apps.

While Detroit automakers (and even foreign manufactures like VW with the Passat and Mazda with the 6) have abandoned sedan segments, Honda sees the sedan as key to offering customers a body-style choice as well as a cheaper alternative to more expensive SUVs. It came to U.S. prominence in 1989 — beating out the Ford Taurus as the best-selling car in America that year — and has been an icon ever since. The Accord will likely start some $3,000 cheaper than its SUV stablemate, the CR-V, when it goes on sale next year.

"The all-new Accord is essential to our lineup as a critical driver of brand loyalty, and with hybrid models representing 50% of sales, a key part of Honda's electrification strategy." said Honda vice president of sales Mamadou Diallo.

Like other generations before it, the '23 Accord grows longer, this time by 2.8 inches. You'll know it by its trendy, horizontal taillight on the trunk, which replaces the car's distinctive boomerang taillights. Gone, too is the big, full-fascia grille, replaced by a more modest mouth that echoes the CR-V. Modesty is the theme as the flanks lose the sculpted drama of the previous generation for a simpler appearance.

Hondas like to target best-in-class specs and the Accord is no different. It boasts class-leading passenger volume (105.7 cubic feet), rear-seat legroom (40.8-inches) and cargo room (16.7 cubic feet).

Accord will be available in six trim levels, starting with the LX and EX models powered by the workhorse, 1.5-liter turbo-4 also found in Civic and CR-V. Hybrid trims will occupy higher trims: Sport, EX-L, Sport-L and Touring. Similar to the CR-V's hybrid, the Accord hybrid will make a peppy 247 pound-feet of torque for good passing on two-lane roads.

The Accord will come standard with a laundry list of Honda Sensing safety and driver-assistive features, including adaptive cruise control, blind-spot assist and automatic emergency braking. All displays are digital with top trims getting a 12.3-inch touchscreen (7-inch is standard) with wireless Apple CarPlay/Android Auto compatibility.

The car is festooned with air bags, including next-gen front balloons designed to reduce traumatic head injuries and new, standard knee and rear passenger side-impact airbags.

The LX, EX and EX-L trims feature body-color side mirrors and standard 17-inch wheels. The electrified Sport and Sport-L models get sportier black side mirrors, rear spoiler and black 19-inch wheels. Top-trim Touring features gloss-black 19-inch wheels with silver and black exterior trim for a sharp, high-contrast look. The sedan will be available from a palette of eight colors, including three new tones: Meteorite Gray Metallic, Urban Gray Pearl and Canyon River Blue Metallic.

Building on the LX entry model, the EX options an 8-way power driver's seat, heated seats and moonroof, with the Sport model debuting the hybrid drivetrain. EX-L and Sport-L trims come standard with leather seats. Other standard goodies include Rear Seatbelt Reminder and Rear Seat Reminder, the latter alerting drivers who, say, left a child behind.

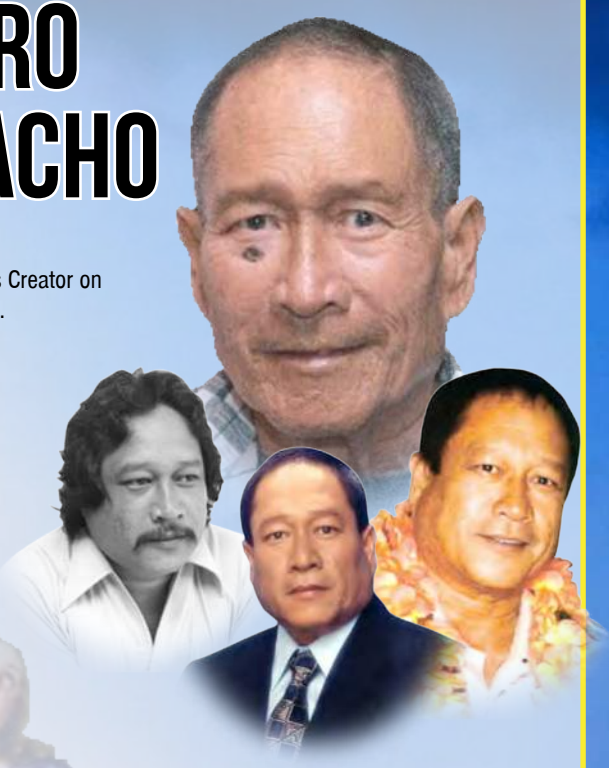
The 2023 Accord will mark the 40th year the sedan has been built in Ohio. About two-thirds of Hondas sold in the U.S. are built here.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†GABRIEL PEDRO DELA CRUZ CAMACHO

Lovingly known as Gabe/Bek

was born on January 28, 1950 and answered the call of his Creator on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the age of 72.



In his new life, he is welcomed at the heavenly gates by his:

Parents: †Santiago Acosta and †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz Camacho
Parents-in-law: †Santiago Camacho and †Maria Roberto Sablan Tenorio
Brothers: †Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho †Richard Anthony Dela Cruz Camacho
Brothers-in-law: †Eulogio Manalo King †Steven Matagolai Pangelinan
Godparents: †Joaquin Deleon Guerrero Sablan †Consolacion Diaz Cabrera †Cristino Sablan Dela Cruz

His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Frances Sablan Tenorio Camacho
Children and Grandchildren:
Eric Anthony M. and Velma Marie P. Benavente (Damien)
Alana Rosalind C. and Jesse Peter DLG. Tenorio (Joshua Donovan, Gabriella Jo, and Jose Peter)
Santiago Gabriel T. and Crister V. Camacho (Charles Andrei)
Maria Carmen T. Camacho and Shaun Peter T. Kileleman (Blake Peter)

Brothers/Sisters, and their spouses:
Martha C. Camacho and family
Francisco DLC. Camacho and Mazie SN. Taitano and family
Patricia DLC. Camacho and Jose P. Villagomez and family
Edward DLC. and Elizabeth G. Camacho and family
Martin DLC. and Raynita L. Camacho and family
Cynthia R. Camacho and family
Ruth C. Pangelinan and family
Lydia C. King and family
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

Brothers/Sisters-in-law, and their spouses:
Juan S. and Elizabeth K. Tenorio and family
Lenita T. and George L. Chichester and family
Santiago S. Tenorio and family
Raymond S. and Janice A. Tenorio and family
Christopher S. Tenorio

Gabe will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Daily rosary is being said at 5:15 am, followed by 6:00 am mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Gabe will be with us for the last time on Friday, November 18, 2022, beginning at 8:15 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for responso prayers and public visitation. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed with the Rite of Committal at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where *Gabe* will be laid to peaceful rest.

For all your love and prayers,
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Frances Sablan Tenorio Camacho,
Children and Grandchildren
Children and families of
†Santiago Acosta and †Carmen
Sablan Dela Cruz Camacho

Life & Style

Taylor Swift wins big in Germany at the MTV EMAs

DUSSELDORF, Germany (AP)—Taylor Swift won big at Sunday's MTV EMAs. Swift who led the nominations along with Harry Styles with seven a piece, walked away with four wins including for best artist, best video and best longform video.

Currently topping the charts with "Anti-Hero" from her record-breaking new album "Midnights," Swift made a surprise appearance at the awards in Dusseldorf to collect her haul, the latest in a long line of accolades for the singer-songwriter. Accepting her first award of the night she said "the fans are the only reason any of this happens for me."

David Guetta and Bebe Rexha opened the show with their hit collaboration "I'm Good (Blue)," a track that nearly didn't get released.

Rexha explained on the carpet "we had no idea that it was gonna blow up and be so viral on TikTok. And here we are performing it and nominated for 'Best Collab.'"

Hot on their toes were Muse who returned to the EMAs for a fiery performance of "Will of the People," later winning best rock act. They dedicated their award to the people of Ukraine and the women of Iran.

This year's show was hosted by newlyweds Rita Ora and Taika Waititi. Ora didn't disappoint with a host of outfit changes and Waititi joked he was channeling his inner popstar.

Swift

An absent Nicki Minaj also came out on top with a trio of prizes for best song, best hip-hop and a category called super freaky girl. Styles, who is currently touring in the U.S., won for best live performance.

Following their Eurovision win in May, Ukrainian band Kalush Orchestra gave one of the most powerful and moving performances of the night, turning the auditorium blue and yellow in support of Ukraine. Talking on the red carpet frontman Oleg Psyuk explained that with their new found fame they could support and spread awareness of the plight of the Ukrainian people

"It's important for us to be a voice of Ukraine, to have opportunity to be all over the world, to perform and to say about Ukraine, to say about war, to say about our culture, culture that fights against war."

British rapper Stormzy performed ballad "Fire Babe," released this week from his highly anticipated third album "This is What I Mean."

'Black Panther' sequel scores 2nd biggest debut of 2022

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

The box office roared back to life with the long-awaited release of "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

The Marvel sequel earned $180 million in ticket sales from more than 4,396 theaters in the U.S. and Canada, according to estimates from The Walt Disney Co. on Sunday, making it the second biggest opening of the year behind "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness." Overseas, it brought in an additional $150 million from 50 territories, bringing its worldwide total to $330 million.

"Wakanda Forever" was eagerly anticipated by both audiences and exhibitors, who have weathered a slow spell at the box office since the summer movie season ended and there were fewer bigger budget blockbusters in the pipeline. The film got off to a mighty start a bit stronger than even the first film with an $84 million opening day, including $28 million from Thursday previews.

"Some may have hoped for $200 million like the first film, but this is solid," said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's senior media analyst. "This is the type of movie that theaters really need to drive audiences."

The first film opened to $202 million in February 2018 and went on to gross over $1.4 billion worldwide, making it one of the highest grossing films of all time and a cultural phenomenon. A sequel was inevitable, and development began soon after with director Ryan Coogler returning, but everything changed after Chadwick Boseman's unexpected death in August 2020. "Wakanda Forever" became, instead, about the death of Boseman's King T'Challa/Black Panther, and the grieving kingdom he left behind. Returning actors include Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong'o, Letitia Wright, Winston Duke and Danai Gurira, who face off against a new foe in Tenoch Huerta's Namor. The film would face more complications too, including Wright getting injured and some COVID-19 related setbacks. All told, it cost a reported $250 million to make, not accounting for marketing and promotion.

Amid the war ruins in Ukraine, Banksy seeds art

AP

An artwork by British street artist Banksy is seen on a building destroyed by fighting in Borodyanka, Kyiv region, Ukraine, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022.

BORODYANKA, Ukraine (AP)—Amid the ruins of war, the flowerings of art.

A delicate painting of a gymnast doing a handstand has popped up on the wall of a wrecked building outside of Kyiv and appears to be the work of the British graffiti artist known as Banksy.

Banksy posted photos on his Instagram page of the artwork in Borodyanka, northwest of Ukraine's capital.

The town was the target of shelling and fighting in the early stages of the Russian invasion, which turned apartment buildings into charred, bombed-out hulks.

The mural of the gymnast is in black and white and is painted so she looks like she is doing her handstand on the crumpled remains of concrete blocks that poke out of the blackened wall. Towering above her are the gutted, blown-apart innards of what were once apartments.

Another mural in the town—of a small boy doing a judo throw on a man—also looked like it might be Banksy's, although that wasn't posted on his Instagram page.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia is a judo practitioner.

A Banksy-like painting, also in black and white and again not confirmed as his by Banksy himself, also appeared on the wall of a war-damaged building in the town of Irpin, on Kyiv's northwestern outskirts.

It shows a rhythmic gymnast doing a pirouette with a ribbon, over a gaping hole in the wall.

Woman's judgmental nature unleashed on close friend

DEAR ABBY: I had a close friend, "Kayleigh," for about 10 years. She helped me through tough times and was always there for me. Now I feel like she has turned into someone else. For the last six months, she has been putting down everyone I love, even in front of my daughter. She sees no problem with it, nor does she have any remorse.

Kayleigh doesn't have a healthy relationship with her family or in her love life. I believe I'm her only friend. When she does this, I feel like she's disrespecting me. I have talked to her about it, but she never apologizes. She gets defensive and says it's "just her opinion, it shouldn't matter and I shouldn't stay mad."

I have told Kayleigh things in confidence, but she's thrown them in my face, which made me feel insecure and small. I no longer talk to her about these issues because sometimes she brings it up with a jab. I can't be friends with someone who acts this way. I have stopped talking to her, but now I'm having a hard time not feeling guilty. Advice?

FRIENDLESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR FRIENDLESS: Why would you continue to confide in someone who might use the information to make you feel bad? Backing away from a relationship like that is healthy. I have said before that not all friendships last forever, and this appears to be one of them. Kayleigh's refusal to apologize if you tell her she has made you feel disrespected indicates she doesn't care about the effect her comment had on you. Quit flogging yourself and get on with your life.

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DEAR ABBY: Some friends of ours agreed to housesit for my wife and me recently while we were on a weeklong cruise. They live in a small condo. We have a large house in a golf course community, so they welcomed the opportunity. To show our appreciation, we gave them a $200 gift card to use at the golf course (they are golfers).

When we returned, we learned they had invited four of their family members to spend several nights at our house, and used our bedroom and my office as sleeping quarters. It was apparent the guests had departed shortly before our return because there were piles of wet towels in the laundry room, and our beds still had their slept-in linens.

My wife and I feel betrayed and hurt by what our friends did, and we told them how we felt. Their reaction was that they thought they didn't "have" to wash their dirty linens. Were we at fault for not doing a better job explaining our expectations when we asked them to housesit?

INVADED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR INVADED: This couple may be friends, but their manners are atrocious. They should not have invited anyone to spend the night in your home without first receiving permission. That you returned to find dirty linens on your beds and soiled towels is disgusting. None of what transpired is your fault. You should not have had to leave a list of rules for these presumptuous people. Find other housesitters and don't invite them again.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

LOOK HOBBES, I GOT A PAINT-BY-NUMBERS KIT! IT'S REALLY FUN.
BUT YOU'RE NOT PAINTING IN THE LINES AND YOU'RE NOT USING THE COLORS THAT CORRESPOND TO THE NUMBERS.
IF I DID THAT, I'D GET THE PICTURE THEY SHOW ON THE BOX!
AH.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

LIFE IS COMPLICATED...
SO MANY DECISIONS TO MAKE, SO MANY CHOICES...
WILL YOU JUST PICK A PASTA SAUCE SO WE CAN GO HOME?
JIM DAVIS 11-15

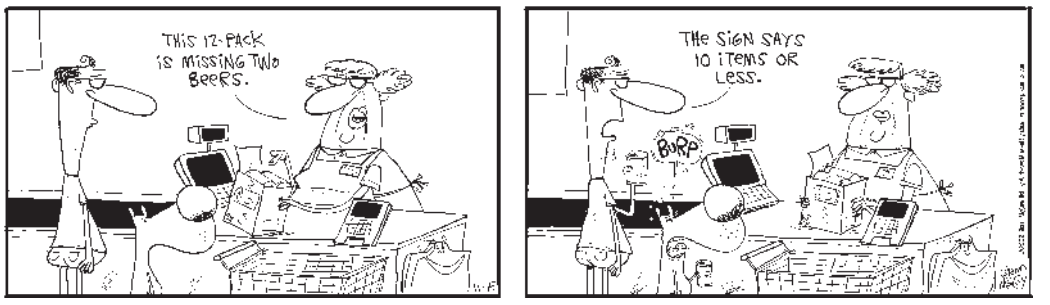
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

LET'S SEE. CAJUN TURKEY... GARLIC HERB TURKEY... CITRUS BRINED...
MAPLE ROSEMARY... RANCH TURKEY...
YOUR DROOL CLOTH, SIR.
RESEARCH IS MESSY WORK, SON.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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18 Lamb's dam
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24 Envelope abbr.
25 Fruit drinks
26 New York theatre district
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31 Active folks
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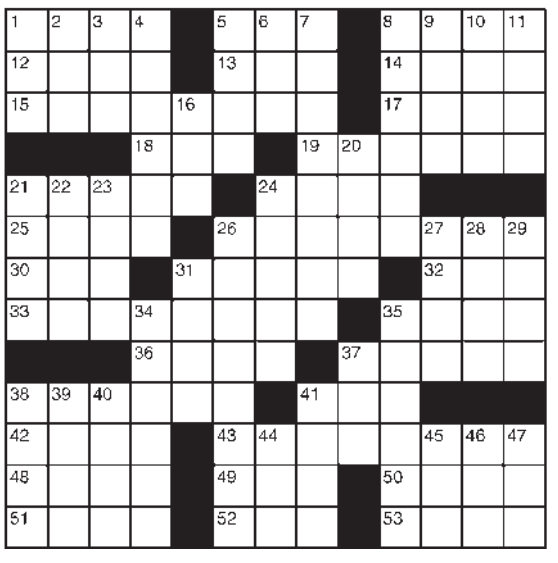
Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-15



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shailene Woodley, 31; Jonny Lee Miller, 50; Beverly D'Angelo, 71; Sam Waterston, 82.

Happy Birthday: A resourceful approach to life will help you avoid regret. This year, a simple yet thoughtful way of handling situations will bode well for you. Distance yourself from those who exaggerate or turn minor problems into complex situations that require time, energy and money to fix. Refuse to let your emotions point you in the wrong direction. Choose personal gain as your goal. Your numbers are 4, 16, 19, 28, 31, 35, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* You can have fun without going overboard. Call on people who share your beliefs and concerns, and you'll find a quick fix for something troubling you. Your actions, dedication and ability to accomplish things will bring rewards. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Refuse to let your emotions get in your way. Uncertainty will leave you questioning what to do next, but if you dissect a situation, a simple solution will arise that's unique. This path will combat any negativity you receive from outside influences. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Your home is your castle, so fix it up to suit your needs. Comfort and convenience will encourage you to get more done in a shorter period, leaving room for other opportunities. A proposal you make will be well-received. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Let your mind wander, and you'll discover something you didn't think or know you could achieve. Having faith in yourself will pay off and make others realize your worth. Wheel and deal, and you'll come out on top. Ask and you shall receive. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Slow down, observe and adjust anything that may get in your way or cost you financially. It's OK to think big, but when it comes to putting your ideas to the test, look for bargains. Change only what's necessary and spend what is needed. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Visit a place you've never been before or sign up for something that offers information that can help you bring about a change you want to pursue. Find a way to use a gift you possess to get ahead. Do what comes naturally. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Get instructions before starting something new. Ask questions, make suggestions and be precise about the responsibilities you are willing to handle yourself. Concentrate on completing whatever task you assume, and choose to work alone if possible. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Set high standards and prioritize self-improvement. Be creative and look for unique changes you can implement to add comfort to your home without going over budget. Withhold your true feelings if it will put you in a compromising position. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Find your passion and see where it leads. Give your all, and you'll get the returns you desire. Stick to the truth and to those who offer honesty and loyalty. Change only what's necessary to avoid confusion and worry. Protect your assets. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't share personal information. Ask questions and listen attentively, and you'll be able to assess whatever situation you face. A change will turn out to be better than anticipated and give you the boost you need to reach your goal. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Shake off bad vibes someone sends your way and do your own thing. Your strengths are being innovative and coming up with ideas and concepts to help you reach your goal. A positive attitude will carry you to the winner's circle. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You'll be ahead of your time and raring to go, so do what you do best. Promote and present your plans, and you'll charm and persuade others to join in and help you reach your target. Personal growth will be enlightening. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are friendly, possessive and compassionate. You are intelligent and practical.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 11/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

BRITISH SCHOOL UNIFORMS Solution: 5 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Swamped

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Embiid scores career-high 59, leads 76ers past Jazz, 105-98

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Tyrese Maxey jumped on Joel Embiid's back and pounded the big man's chest in celebration of the greatest game in the 76ers center's career. The frivolity was fitting because Embiid carried the Sixers in the fourth quarter — all while each bucket etched his name alongside the greats in NBA history.

Embiid scored a career-high 59 points and added 11 rebounds, eight assists and seven blocked shots in a historically dominant performance, powering Philadelphia to a 105-98 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday night.

"My teammates knew who had the hot hand and they just had to feed me," Embiid said.

Embiid has clearly rounded back into form over the last week after recovering from an illness. The reigning NBA scoring champion dropped 42 points a night earlier in a win against Atlanta.

Embiid scored 26 of Philadelphia's 27 points in the fourth quarter and he became the first player in NBA history with 50 points, 10 boards, five rebounds, five assists and five blocks in a game since blocks became an official stat in 1973-74.

"I've never seen a more dominating performance when you combine defense and offense," coach Doc Rivers said.

There have been few like it in Philly, even for a franchise littered with basketball Hall of Famers. Embiid scored the fifth-most points in franchise history. Wilt Chamberlain, naturally, holds the top three spots with 68 in 1967, 65 in 1966 and 62 in 1966. Allen Iverson scored 60 in 2005.

"Those are two legends that played here that I respect a lot and to be in that company means a lot," Embiid said. "I still got a long ways to go."

With the Sixers up 101-98 and 1:19 left, Embiid blocked Collin Sexton's driving layup and then came right down and hit a little jumper that sealed the victory.

Embiid shook off nagging injuries to post his breakthrough game of his seventh season on the second night of a home back-to-back. He made 19 of 28 shots from the floor, 20 of 24 free throws and kept the Sixers from folding against the upstart Jazz. Embiid even tossed in a steal and his plus-minus was a whopping plus-25 in 37 minutes.

His 101 points this weekend made him only the third player since 1988 to score 100-plus points on a back-to-back. He combined for 21 rebounds and 14 assists. And he's done it all with James Harden still out with an injured foot.

Embiid was aware he was on the brink of hitting 60 points — he tossed up a turnaround 3-pointer in the final minute that wasn't close (he missed 4 of 5 3s overall).

"I could have easily dribbled the ball and pulled up," Embiid said, laughing.

The number that stood out the most to Embiid: 0. The turnover-prone center had none in the second half after committing five in the first half.

Maxey chipped in 18 points for the Sixers but they had only 10 points from their other three starters. Embiid scored 13 points in the first quarter, 11 in the second and nine more in the third.

Maxey smiled as he repeatedly said, "Joel Embiid is very good at basketball" to questions about the center's effort. Because really, what other superlatives were left?

"I think you can tell he's hitting his groove," Maxey said.

Embiid sank two free throws with 4:56 left in the fourth for a 96-94 lead and he matched his career high with 50 points. Embiid had twice before scored 50 points. The 7-footer hit two more free throws at the 4:17 mark for a 98-96 lead.

He had Sixers fans chanting "MVP! MVP! in appreciate and one yelled "He's gonna get 60!"

So close.

The Jazz gave him every opportunity with a string of fouls down the stretch and Embiid kept knocking 'em down from the line. He missed just his fourth free throw attempt late in the game that made it 101-98.

Malik Beasley scored 18 points. Sexton and Lauri Markkanen each scored 15 points for the Jazz, who lost a night earlier at Washington. The Jazz are 5-0 at home.

"It's OK to be proud of how you've played to this point," coach Will Hardy said. "We try to have our guys embrace that. It's on us as a staff to continue to teach and remind them that there's still a lot we can get better at."

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid goes up for a shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Timberwolves 129, Cavaliers 124

In Cleveland, All-Star point guard Darius Garland scored 51 points in Cleveland's loss to Minnesota.

Garland scored 27 of his career-best point total — and made six of his career-best 10 3-pointers -- in the fourth quarter for the Cavaliers.

D'Angelo Russell had personal season highs of 30 points and 12 assists and Karl-Anthony Towns scored 29 points to help the Timberwolves overcome Garland's onslaught.

Garland's 51-point performance was briefly the NBA's season-high. Joel Embiid finished with 59 points for the Philadelphia 76ers later in the night.

Thunder 145, Knicks 135

In New York, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 37 points, Josh Giddey had a triple-double and Oklahoma City shot a season-high 62.5% from the field in a victory over New York.

Giddey had 24 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds for the Thunder, who picked up their fifth straight victory at Madison Square Garden. Giddey joined Wilt Chamberlain (1968) as the only other player in NBA history to record triple-doubles during their first two games at MSG.

Lu Dort had 24 points for Oklahoma City and Jeremiah Robinson-Earl added 17.

Wizards 102, Grizzlies 92

In Washington, Kristaps Porzingis scored 25 points and Deni Avdija added 21 to lead Washington to a victory over Memphis.

The Wizards swept a weekend back-to-back against Utah and Memphis, two of the Western Conference's top teams in the early going this season. Washington did that without Bradley Beal, who is still getting back into playing shape after going through health and safety protocols.

Memphis was missing key players as well, with Ja Morant out because of left ankle soreness and Desmond Bane unavailable because of right toe soreness. Dillon Brooks scored 19 points for the Grizzlies. Steven Adams contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Nuggets 126, Bulls 103

In Chicago, Michael Porter Jr. scored a season-high 31 points and Nikola Jokic had 14 assists as Denver cruised past Chicago.

Porter made 11 of 16 shots, including six from 3-point range, as the Nuggets won for the fifth time in their last six games.

Zach LaVine scored 21 points to lead the Bulls, who have lost four of five.

KingsS 122, Warriors 115

In Sacramento, Calif., Domantas Sabonis set personal season highs with 26 points and 22 rebounds, leading Sacramento over Golden State.

De'Aaron Fox scored 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings. They have won six of their last eight after starting 0-4.

Sabonis also had eight assists.

Stephen Curry scored 27 points for the Warriors.

Lakers 116, Nets 103

In Los Angeles, Anthony Davis had a season-high 37 points and 18 rebounds as Los Angeles beat Brooklyn to snap a five-game losing streak.

Davis grabbed 10 offensive rebounds, which tied a career-high in a regular-season game, as the Lakers led throughout.

Lonnie Walker IV added 25 points for Los Angeles, which was missing LeBron James for the second straight game due to a left adductor strain.

Kevin Durant led the Nets with 31 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. Cam Thomas came off the bench to score 15 points and Edmond Sumner added 13.

NBA BRIEFS

James could return to the Lakers' lineup later this week

LOS ANGELES (AP)—LeBron James could return to the Los Angeles Lakers' lineup later this week as he recovers from a groin injury.

James missed his second straight game with a left adductor strain when the Lakers hosted the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday. James is day-to-day with the strain, which occurred last Wednesday during the fourth quarter of the Clippers' 114-101 victory over the Lakers.

Coach Darvin Ham said James could return to the practice report by the middle of the week. The Lakers' next game isn't until Friday against the Detroit Pistons.

"I think him being out is just as much precautionary. We're only 12 games into the season. There's 70 games left to be played here," Ham said. "We have a favorable schedule where he can sit. We feel good about that, knowing he's had these days to not put any pressure on it, but strengthen it and treat it to the point where he's able to get back out there."

An MRI exam on James revealed no tears in his adductor muscle. James said after the Clippers' game that the injury wasn't as significant as his groin strain on Christmas 2018 during his first season with the Lakers. That injury sidelined him for a month.

James is the Lakers' leading scorer with 24.9 points per game despite persistent pain in his left foot that forced him to miss Los Angeles' loss to Utah on Monday. James is also contributing 8.8 rebounds and 6.9 assists per game in his 20th NBA season.

Despite James' strong play, the Lakers have the NBA's second-worst record at 2-10.

Nets coach Vaughn has no update on when Irving might return

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kyrie Irving's return from suspension is still unknown, with Brooklyn Nets coach Jacque Vaughn saying Sunday he had no update on the guard.

Irving was suspended by the Nets for a minimum of five games on Nov. 3 for refusing to say he had no antisemitic beliefs, and the game against the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday was the sixth he missed.

"I'm just going to continue to go day-by-day, push this group and coach these dudes today," Vaughn said.

The Nets said Irving would not return until he satisfied "a series of objective remedial measures."

Irving has since apologized on social media for posting a link for a film that contains antisemitic material on his Twitter page, and for not specifying the topics in it with which he disagreed.

Irving took to social media again on Sunday and posted: "I was not put here on earth to participate in any religious/political wars or incite racial disharmony/prejudice within communities. We are all equal under the sun and I am here to participate in the building of an Equal world and follow the Word from the Most High/GOD/YAH."

Nets owner Joe Tsai and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver have both said in recent days they met with Irving and don't believe he is antisemitic.

The Nets' next game is on Tuesday in Sacramento before they finish up their road trip on Thursday in Portland. Brooklyn has won four of five since Irving was suspended.

Allen's miscues, Jefferson's big day help Vikings beat Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Patrick Peterson intercepted Josh Allen with 1:12 left in overtime to finally end a sloppy, yet thrilling back-and-forth game between two of the NFL's best teams, and the Minnesota Vikings completed their rally from a 17-point second-half deficit to beat the Buffalo Bills 33-30 on Sunday.

The Vikings took advantage of three turnovers by Allen in the fourth quarter and overtime, pulling ahead late in regulation when he mishandled a snap and fumbled in the end zone.

Greg Joseph put the Vikings ahead to stay by hitting a 33-yard field goal with 3:42 left in overtime. The game didn't end until Allen, facing second and 10 at Minnesota's 20, forced a pass over the middle intended for Gabe Davis, only to have Peterson intercept it a few yards into the end zone, his second pick of the day. Peterson ran out and slid to the turf.

Kirk Cousins threw for 357 yards, and Justin Jefferson had a monster game with 10 catches for 193 yards, including an incredible one-handed grab to convert a fourth-and-18 for the NFC North-leading Vikings (8-1). Minnesota rallied to win when trailing with 2 1/2 minutes or less remaining in regulation for the fifth time this season.

The Bills (6-3) dropped out of the AFC lead with their second straight loss.

The Bills, clinging to a a 27-23 lead, appeared to have won when they stopped Cousins for no gain on fourth-and-goal from the half-yard line with 49 seconds remaining.

On the very next play, Allen muffed the snap from center Mitch Morse, and Minnesota linebacker Erik Hendricks dived into the end zone to recover it for a touchdown.

AP

Minnesota Vikings cornerback Patrick Peterson (7) runs with the ball after incepting a pass by Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen as safety Camryn Bynum (24) looks on in overtime of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Packers 31, Cowboys 28, OT

In Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes to rookie Christian Watson and led a 55-yard drive in overtime to set up Mason Crosby's game-winning field goal, and Green Bay stopped a five-game skid, beating former coach Mike McCarthy and Dallas.

Green Bay (4-6) trailed 28-14 in the fourth quarter before Rodgers led two long drives that ended with scoring passes to Watson.

McCarthy coached the Packers to their most recent Super Bowl title after the 2010 season and went 125-77-2 with Green Bay before getting fired in 2018.

The Cowboys (6-3) blew a 14-point lead heading into the fourth quarter for the first time in franchise history. They entered Sunday with a 195-0 record in such games, including playoffs.

McCarthy chose to go for it on fourth-and-3 from Green Bay's 35 on the opening possession of overtime instead of trying a long field goal. Dak Prescott was pressured by Jarran Reed and threw a desperation pass to Tony Pollard that fell incomplete.

49ers 22, Chargers 16

In Santa Clara, Calif., Christian McCaffrey ran for the go-ahead touchdown with 7:54 to play and San Francisco beat Los Angeles.

The 49ers (5-4) returned from their bye as healthy as they've been all season on offense and with hopes of making a second-half run. They did just enough against the short-handed Chargers (5-4).

San Francisco fell behind by 10 points in the second quarter before rallying. Jimmy Garoppolo scored on a 1-yard sneak in the second quarter and then made the biggest play when he hit Brandon Aiyuk on a 24-yard pass on third-and-10 from the Chargers 26 midway through the fourth quarter.

McCaffrey ran it in on the next play and has now accounted for four touchdowns in three games since arriving from Carolina in a midseason trade.

Buccaneers 21, Seahawks 16

In Munich, Tom Brady stayed undefeated abroad by throwing two touchdown passes as Tampa Bay beat Seattle in the first regular-season game played in Germany.

Brady connected with Julio Jones and Chris Godwin on scoring passes and Leonard Fournette ran one in as the Bucs (5-5) improved to .500 and snapped Seattle's four-game winning streak.

German fans packed Allianz Arena for the historic game and the Bucs delivered with a balanced offensive performance on three long scoring drives. Rachaad White ran for 105 yards on 22 carries.

Brady completed 22 of 29 passes for 258 yards to add Germany to his list of international wins after victories in London (twice) and Mexico City with the New England Patriots.

Colts 25, Raiders 20

In Las Vegas, Matt Ryan got his starting job back under TV analyst-turned-interim coach Jeff Saturday, and the veteran quarterback delivered a 35-yard touchdown pass to Parris Campbell to lead Indianapolis past Las Vegas.

The touchdown with 5:07 left came shortly after the 37-year-old quarterback converted a third-and-3 with a 39-yard run to the Raiders 36-yard line.

His play helped give Saturday, who just a week ago was an ESPN analyst before being hired despite no NFL coaching experience, his first victory. It also handed the Raiders (2-7) their third loss in a row and will increase the scrutiny on first-year coach Josh McDaniels, who took over a playoff team from a year ago. The Raiders were booed off the field.

Ryan completed 21 of 28 passes for 222 yards, and Jonathan Taylor rushed for 147 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown for the Colts (4-5-1). It was Taylor's first 100-yard game since the season opener against the Houston Texans, when he rushed for 161 yards.

Dolphins 37, Browns 17

In Miami Gardens, Fla., Tua Tagovailoa maintained his scorching form since his return from a concussion, throwing three touchdown passes as Miami won its fourth straight.

In a game that was a blowout by the fourth quarter, Tagovailoa connected with three receivers for his third straight three-touchdown game.

Since returning in Week 7, Tagovailoa has 10 TD passes and no interceptions. He finished with 285 yards on 25-of-32 passing Sunday.

Jeff Wilson rushed for 119 yards on 17 carries as the Dolphins (7-3) finished with 491 yards of offense.

Cardinals 27, Rams 17

In Inglewood, Calif., Colt McCoy passed for 238 yards in his first start of the season, James Conner rushed for two touchdowns and Arizona hung on to beat Los Angeles, which lost Super Bowl MVP Cooper Kupp to a possibly serious ankle injury.

Both teams played their backup quarterbacks with starters Matthew Stafford and Kyler Murray sidelined by injury. McCoy threw a TD pass to A.J. Green and hit DeAndre Hopkins for 98 yards on 10 catches, while Los Angeles' John Wolford passed for 212 yards in a much more inconsistent performance.

The defending champion Rams (3-6) lost for the fifth time in six games, and they also lost Kupp in the fourth quarter when he went down awkwardly while being hit by Marco Wilson after failing to catch a poorly thrown pass from Wolford.

In the 34th start of his 13-year career, McCoy went 26 of 37 while patiently running a disciplined offensive game plan for the Cardinals (4-6). Murray sat out with a hamstring injury, but Arizona grinded out a much-needed victory for coach Kliff Kingsbury after losing four of its past five.

Giants 24, Texans 16

In East Rutherford, N.J., Daniel Jones threw two touchdown passes, Saquon Barkley ran for 152 yards and a TD and New York beat Houston.

Jones, who was 13 of 17 for 197 yards, hit tight end Lawrence Cager on a 9-yard TD pass and Darius Slayton on a 54-yard catch and run as the Giants (7-2) scored on their opening possession of each half to build a 14-3 lead.

Barkley, who had a career-high 35 carries, scored from 2 yards out in the third quarter after the Texans (1-7-1) closed within 14-10.

The Giants' defense preserved the win, forcing two red-zone turnovers in the fourth quarter. Linebacker Jaylon Smith recovered Dameon Pierce's fumble at the 11-yard line and Dane Belton intercepted Davis Mills' pass in the end zone.

Titans 17, Broncos 10

In Nashville, Tenn., Ryan Tannehill threw two touchdown passes to Nick Westbrook-Ikhine as Tennessee rallied from a 10-point deficit to beat Denver.

The Titans (6-3) won for the sixth time in seven games. Tannehill returned after missing the last two games with a sprained right ankle, and he appeared rusty early as the Titans fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter and were trailing 208-53 in total yards shortly before halftime.

Denver (3-6) has lost lost five of six. The Broncos had plenty of chances but couldn't score after halftime. Russell Wilson had a final chance to tie the game, but his pass on fourth-and-8 from the Titans 25 was tipped and picked off by Terrance Mitchell with 11 seconds left.

Lions 31, Bears 30

In Chicago, Jamaal Williams scored on a 1-yard run in the closing minutes, Jared Goff threw for 236 yards and a touchdown, and Detroit overcame another spectacular effort by Chicago's Justin Fields.

The Lions (3-6) scored 21 points in the fourth quarter on the way to their second straight win after losing five in a row. They stopped a 13-game road losing streak.

Detroit wiped out a 14-point deficit with two quick TDs, tying it on a 20-yard interception return by Jeff Okudah.

Fields then went 67 yards untouched for a TD to put Chicago (3-7) back on top 30-24. Cairo Santos missed the extra point.

Goff led an eight-play, 91-yard drive in the closing minutes. Williams made it 31-30 when he scored with 2:21 remaining.

Chiefs 27, Jaguars 17

In Kansas City, Mo., Patrick Mahomes threw for 331 yards and four touchdowns as Kansas City rolled past Jacksonville.

Kadarius Toney, who was acquired a couple of weeks ago from the Giants, had 33 yards rushing to go with four catches for 57 yards and his first NFL touchdown reception, helping the Chiefs (7-2) win their sixth straight over the Jaguars.

Travis Kelce, Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Noah Gray also had touchdown catches for the Chiefs.

Kansas City wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster was placed in the concussion protocol after a helmet-to-helmet hit by Jacksonville safety Andre Cisco early in the game.

Steelers 20, Saints 10

In Pittsburgh, Kenny Pickett and George Pickens ran for 1-yard touchdowns and Pittsburgh pulled away from listless New Orleans.

Fueled by the return of star outside linebacker T.J. Watt, the Steelers (3-6) held the Saints to 186 yards to win for the second time in eight games. Pittsburgh sacked Andy Dalton twice and forced a pair of fourth-quarter interceptions to thwart any hope of a late rally by the Saints (3-7).

Watt hadn't played since tearing his left pectoral late in a Week 1 win over Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh ran for a season-best 217 yards — including 99 by Najee Harris and 51 by Pickett — and didn't turn it over for the third time this season. The Steelers are 3-0 in those games.

Pickett completed 18 of 30 passes for 199 yards without an interception. He also shook off a tweaked left ankle to convert a couple of late quarterback sneaks, including a 1-yard dive with 8:40 to play that gave the Steelers a 10-point lead.

The Saints largely beat themselves. While the defense sacked Pickett six times, it also committed six penalties that gave the Steelers first downs.

Dee Clayton: I'm proud of all athletes

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Competitors of the recently concluded 2022 Dee Clayton Classic competition pose for a photo at the World Resort Saipan last Nov. 5.

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Athletes who competed in the just concluded 2022 Dee Clayton Classic are now looking forward to representing the CNMI in the 2023 Pacific Games in Honoria, Solomon Islands, according to DC Classic and the Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation president Dee Clayon.

"I am so proud of all the athletes regardless of how they train and diet; I am happy and proud of their efforts," said Clayton.

She added that the athletes who competed are "role models for the community and the people; they all did great, and I hope they continue in their journey and never stop, as bodybuilding is an ongoing" learning experience.

With the concluded competition, she said "I like it because no matter how competitive they are, they are like brothers and sisters supporting each other… Win or lose, we all have the same passion; we lift up each other and that's how the sport becomes top[notch] because once you have drama, it's all over."

When asked about who the athletes are representing CNMI next year and how many, she said that the numbers are not set yet, as anything can change based on what the organizations and or government say, and that she is currently "waiting for an update."

She said prior to the DC Classic competition that even if the Top 2 are chosen for each category to make up the CNMI bodybuilding team, the determining factors of their representation depend on whether the athletes are ready for international competition and whether they have the proper documentation to go, and "all of those criteria that they need to fulfill to in order for them to qualify."

Regardless of the limitations or outcome of the team prior to the 2023 Pacific Games, she said that she is a woman who gets things done, and will do what it takes to bring out CNMI bodybuilding representatives next year.

After the Pacific Mini Games last June, it was announced that bodybuilding athletes who wish to represent or qualify for team CNMI next year must compete in the Dee Clayton Classic and Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation championships.

Tan Holdings, Kanoa U16 boys run opponents ragged

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Tan Holdings Football Club and Kanoa Football Club ran their opponents, Matansa Football Club and Shirley's Football Club ragged, to the ground with Tan Holdings defeating Matansa, 3-0, and Kanoa defeating Shirley's, 9-0, in Week 7 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Nov. 5 at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Tan Holdings' Isiah Hossain found the back of the net early on in the fourth minute, while Matansa was still looking for their footing.

Just eight minutes later, Hossain's cleats made contact with the ball once again to bring Tan Holdings up, 2-0. Teammate Mark Ryan Costales scored the third goal in the second half for Tan Holdings' fifth win. Matansa has won only one game so far in the season.

Likewise, Kanoa held a stop sign in front of Shirley's and handed them their sixth loss. Five Kanoa players took turns at the goal post and secured fourth win for the team.

U16 GIRLS
Shirley's FC 7, Paire 2

In the U16 girl's division, Shirley's Football Club defeated Paire Football Club, 7-2.

Hailey Benavente already completed the hat-trick for Shirley's while Paire scored just one goal so far. Benavente's teammates added the rest of the goals before the end of the first half, with Paire scoring their last goal in the 54th minute and succumbing to a wide lead loss from Shirley's.

Shirley's earned their third win and handed Paire their sixth loss.

Kanoa FC 1, Southern United FC 0

KanoA Football Club was handed its fourth win with a last minute second half goal which was enough to beat Southern United Football Club, 1-0.

Southern United was handed their first loss of the season.

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Committee. Also getting a nod from the EAFF Executive Committee was Chinese Football Association's Jin Chenglong, who will sit on the Finance Committee as a member. The 32nd EAFF Finance Committee Meeting was also held last Nov. 10 and was followed by the 1st EAFF Marketing Committee on the same day.

Before the important announcements at the 68th EAFF Executive Committee Meeting, Du welcomed the member association representatives attending the meeting virtually and in person and thanked the NMIFA for hosting the executive committee and standing committee meetings. The EAFF president then encouraged the MAs to give more inputs on how to increase the number of competitions in the region and provide more development programs to MAs.

Du was joined in the 68th EAFF Executive Committee Meeting by EAFF vice president Kozho Tashima (Japan Football Association) and EAFF vice president Hanjin Chun (Korea Football Association), EAFF general secretary Roger Lu Zhao and EAFF Committee members Chris Wang (Chinese-Taipei), San Gil, Ganbaatar Amgalanbaatar (Mongolia), and NMIFA president Jerry Tan. EAFF vice president Eric Fok of Hong Kong and Chang Keng Hou of Macau attended the 68th EAFF Executive Committee Meeting virtually. KFA president Chung Myong-gyu, EAFF CFO Hiroyuki Hamaguchi, and Guam Football Association Executive Committee officers and members were also present at the meeting hosted on Saipan.

Tan thanked the EAFF Executive Committee for holding their meetings in the NMI and for the EAFF's continued support to the NMIFA. It's the NMIFA's first time to host the EAFF Executive Committee. Tan added that the timing of the EAFF delegation's visit could not have been more perfect, as the NMIFA is celebrating another milestone this year with the completion of its second regulation-sized pitch at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. ***(PR)***

PICKLEBALL

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The demonstration of pickleball by the PFNMI and Jang to the about 50 plus eighth graders in attendance, was on a pickleball court, created by Jang who painted and striped it blue and yellow—the school's colors and handmade the net poles. He also handmade his own pickleball paddles that he has been using prior to the donation.

Before the demonstration, Donna Krum said that "it's been on our to-do lists to get [pickleball] into the schools… Think of after-school programs—which we don't have, of kids out there playing, getting physical exercise, laughing with their friends." She said introducing it to HMS is the first step into getting pickleball out into the other schools.

HMS principal Victorino Borja, who was seen trying out the sport as well, said that he is "grateful and happy to have this sport that our students can enjoy, have fun, but at the same time… it's good for their health—physical fitness. We're thankful for Mr. Jang, who actually brought up the concept of having the sport and invited the board members; they are a very strong proponent of good health and physical fitness. I can already see our students are excited just trying it out."

Borja wants, sometime in the future, to do an "intramural competition with other middle schools," together with the other interscholastic sports competitions like volleyball, badminton, and the like.

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The Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands board members Dr. Nelson Krum, Dr. Donna Krum, Donn Dunlop, Nicky Nichols, and Marivic Dunlop, along with Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School teacher Chang Whan Jang, HMS principal Victorino Borja and eighth grade students show off their new pickleball paddles, balls, and net in their newly striped pickleball court at the HMS campus yesterday morning after PFNMI's donation.

The children were seen enjoying the newly introduced sport, with groups of them practicing on the walls, or playing against each other.

Eighth-grader Raphael Viesca told *Saipan Tribune* that it's a fun sport and that he would definitely play it with his friends. Another eighth-grader, Rayana Paulette Ichihara, said that "playing pickleball felt like playing volleyball and badminton at the same time… I feel like it's a good sport." She said that it was competitive playing against her classmate as she made her run after the ball a few times.

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Lee blamed the straight sets loss for being under the weather.

"If I was in a good condition which I wasn't during the week due to high fever and cold, and physically I had few problems on my back and my abductor, I think physically I would stay on the court longer and have more energy," she said in a social message to *Saipan Tribune.*

Lee's doubles partner Kate Sharabura, who along with Lee were the doubles champion of the ITA Southeast Regional last month, also caught the bug and that contributed to them losing in the opening round of the San Diego tourney.

Despite the loss to Crawley in the semis, Lee still capped her fall season with an impressive 3-1 record, including a 6-2, 6-2 win over University of Virginia's Elaine Chervinsky in the semis.

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NMIFA hosts key EAFF meetings

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East Asian Football Federation president Du Zhaocai, sixth left, joins, from left, EAFF CFO Hiroyuki Hamaguchi, Chinese-Taipei Football Association's Chris Wang, Korean Football Association president Chung Mong-gyu, Guam Football Association president Valentino San Gil, EAFF vice president Hanjin Chun, NMIFA president Jerry Tan, EAFF vice president Kozho Tashima, Mongolian Football Federation president Ganbaatar Amgalanbaatar, and EAFF general secretary Roger Luo Zhao pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the 68th EAFF Executive Committee Meeting held last Friday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

The Northern Marianas Islands Football Association hosted key East Asian Football Federation meetings where the EAFF approved administrative proposals and discussed competition matters.

At the 68th EAFF Executive Committee Meeting held last Nov. 11 at the Azucena Room of the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, the EAFF Executive Committee, led by EAFF president Du Zhaocai, announced that during the 18th Competitions Committee Meeting held last Nov. 10, members discussed recommendations about future E-1 Football Championship and youth tournaments.

On the administrative side, the EAFF Executive Committee nominated Guam Football Association president Valentino San Gil as the EAFF's candidate to the Asian Football Confederation Executive

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Carol makes Fall Championships Final Four

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The CNMI's Carol Lee made it to the semifinals of the 2022 ITA National Fall Championships before the Yellow Jacket fell to No. 1 seed Fiona Crawley of North Carolina at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego, California.

The Georgia Tech No. 1 singles player lost to Crawley, who is also the reigning ITA All-American singles champion, in a score of 6-1, 6-0 last Nov. 5.

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Lee

Pickleball donates equipment to Hopwood

LEIGH GASES

Donn Dunlop, in blue, and Chang Whan Jang in purple are seen teaching Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School eighth graders how to play pickleball yesterday morning after the donation of pickleball equipment by the Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands brought pickleball to middle school children after their donation of pickleball equipment to the Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School yesterday morning at the newly minted pickleball court in the Chalan Piao campus' parking lot.

PFNMI board members, which include president Dr. Nelson Krum, members Dr. Donna Krum, Donn Dunlop, Nicky Nichols, and Marivic Dunlop, presented one net, four paddles, and six balls to Chang Whan "Mike" Jang, eighth grade physical education teacher, and his students.

Jang, who can occasionally be found at the American Memorial Park courts playing pickleball with the rest of the pickleball enthusiasts on Saipan, was thankful to PFNMI for their donation.

He added that he felt great that pickleball will now be played by the children, saying it's an easy sport to learn, "anybody can learn… I really like it because it's fun, safe, easy to catch up [on], and that's why I want to implement it in my P.E. class."

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